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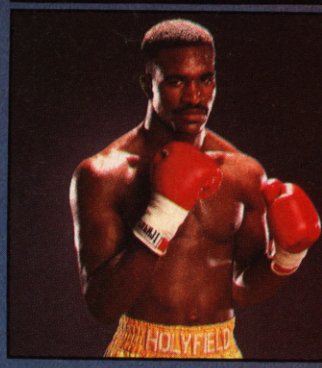

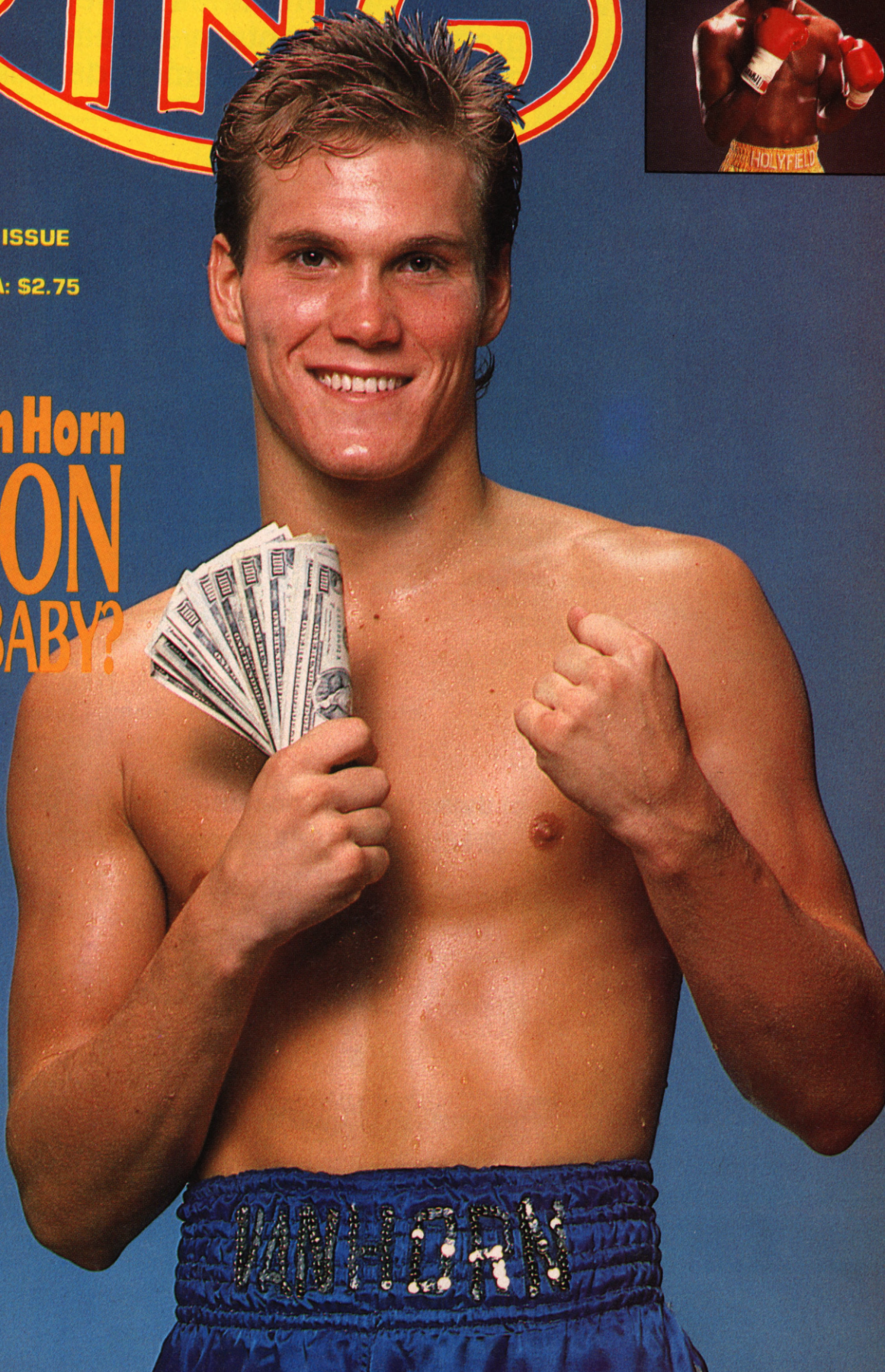

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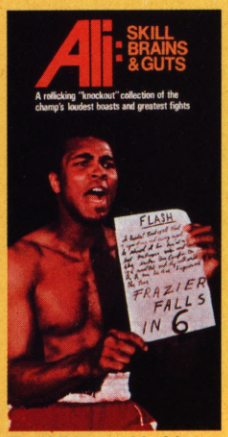

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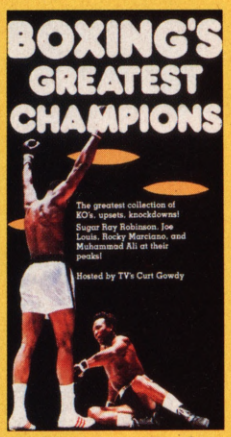

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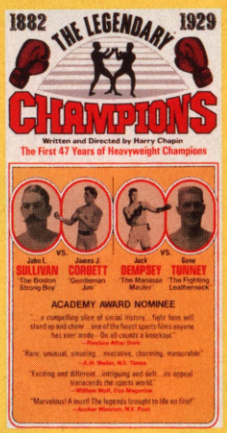

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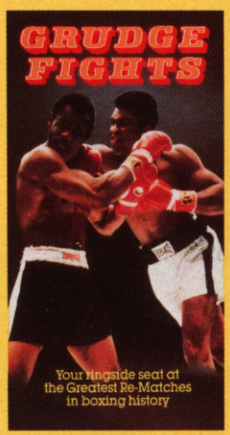

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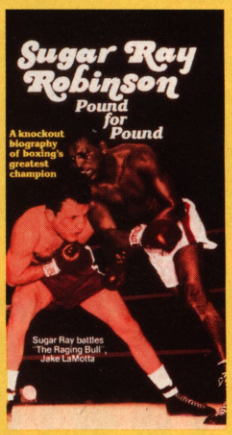

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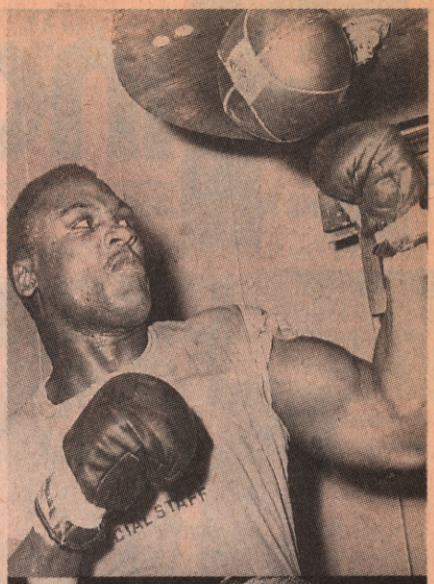

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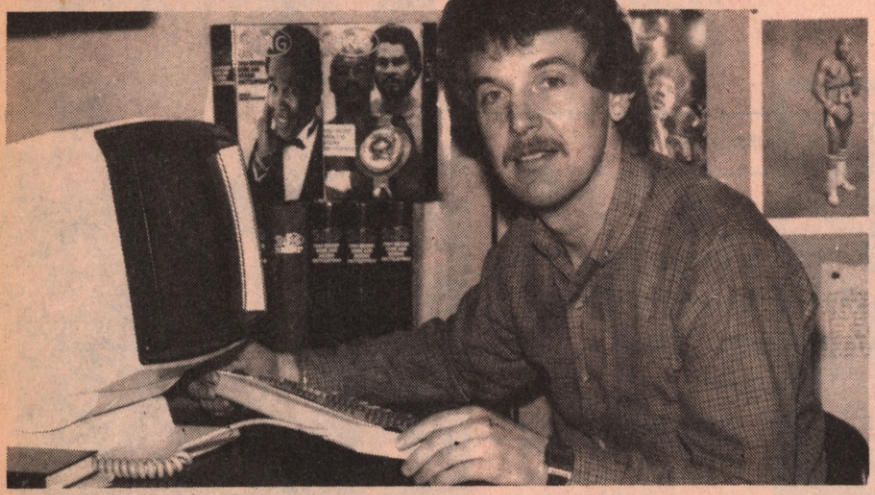

The Alphabet Boys are at it again. Just look what the Panamanian branch (WBA) is trying to do to its junior lightweight champ, Brian Mitchell:

Mitchell has complied with the WBA's edict which prohibits him from defending the title in South Africa, but apparently they're still not satisfied. Now, according to WBA general counsel Jimmy Binns, Mitchell will soon be stripped of his title if he doesn't move out of his homeland.

This is patently unfair. While *The Ring* finds South Africa's official policy of apartheid repugnant, forcing a boxer who won his title in the ring to leave his native country in order to remain champion is stupid. In fact, it's the same sort of retarded thinking which fostered the racial bigotry the WBA is trying to eliminate by boycotting South Africa.

The WBA would be much better off sticking to boxing, especially in the area of sanctioning title bouts. Ironically, while they are harassing Mitchell on one hand, they are feeding him blatantly unqualified challengers on the other. Mitchell's most recent successful defense came at the expense of 33-year-old Daniel Londas, who *qualified* for his so-called "world title" shot by being stopped in the first round by Italian Salvatore Curetti for the vacant European title in May. You figure it out.

The WBA is not alone when it comes to boneheaded moves. Just when you figured it might be safe to peek at the IBF and WBC ratings again, the absurdity of them jumps off the page and cold-cocks you like a Mike McCallum left hook. Check out these samples culled from the Alphabet ratings carried in this issue:

* Sherman Griffin, who has a bullet lodged near his spine, is still the IBF's No. 4 cruiserweight. Then again, Trevor Berbick is the No. 2 heavyweight behind Tyrell Biggs, which means he should get a mandatory title rematch with Mike Tyson soon. There's a fight we all want to see ... again!

* The WBC has installed Cornelius Boza-Edwards as its No. 1 lightweight contender. In his last two bouts, Boza was virtually shut out by Hector Camacho and forced to twice climb off the floor to outpoint oft-beaten journeyman Ali Karim Muhammad. Boza is a valiant warrior, but hardly the No. 1 contender.

How much longer the Sweet Science can withstand the continual meddling of the Alphabet Boys is anyone's guess. But the fact it has survived this long is certainly a testament to the enduring nature of boxing's popularity.

Meanwhile, *The Ring* continues its uphill battle, hopefully shedding a little light on the murky waters polluted by the Alphabet Boys.

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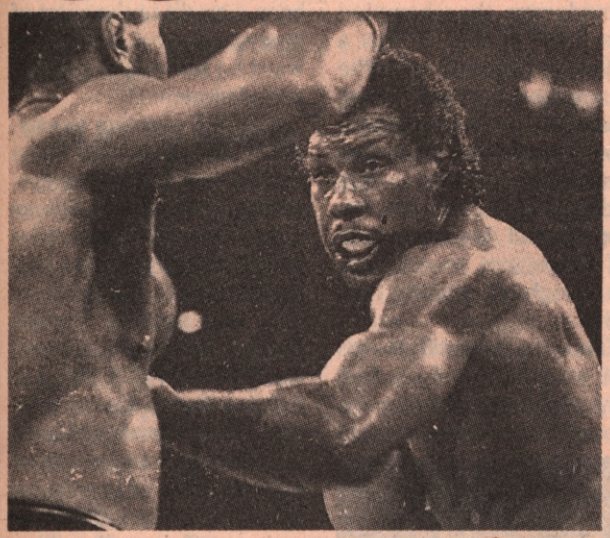

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Reader Jim Davis wonders if Tony Tucker (right) learned anything from his loss to Mike Tyson. See "Learning from Defeat" for details.

STRIKE THREE

IF MICHAEL OLAJIDE IS "THE LOOK Of The Future" (September '87 cover story), I think I'll start watching more baseball.

WAYNE H. CORMIER
Moncton, Canada

WHO'S THE CHAMP?

HOW CAN ANYONE RECOGNIZE Michael Spinks as the heavyweight champ, or contender for that matter? True, the division is low as far as talent goes. But heavyweight champ? And I thought fairy tales ended in kindergarden. I guess we'll have to wait for Butch Lewis to take Spinks down the yellow brick road. But instead of a hot air balloon and a pair of ruby slippers, he'll find Mike Tyson waiting for him. After the bell rings, Spinks is gonna wish he was dreaming.

PAUL LAZZATI
Baltimore, MD

AFTER WATCHING MICHAEL SPINKS take apart Gerry Cooney, it's no wonder Mike Tyson wants no part of Spinks.

Clearly, Spinks is the legitimate "world" heavyweight champion since he won it in the ring from the last "world" champ, Larry Holmes.

Both Spinks and Tyson fought guys a lot taller than them in their last fights. Spinks looked a lot more impressive stretching Cooney (admittedly a softie) than Tyson did struggling against Tony Tucker. In fact, in all three of Tyson's HBO "championship" fights—all of which have been fought against Cooney-calibre competition, Mike hasn't looked to me like the world-beater everyone says he is.

Spinks has already shown what he can do with a short, awkward opponent in his 1983 fight with Dwight Qawi. Spinks would stifle Tyson's rushes with his jab and footwork, tire him out and then go to town on him in the later rounds. He'd handle Tyson, a one-dimensional fighter, the same way Carl Williams beat Bert Cooper.

As long as Tyson continues to duck Spinks, he'll have to accept second-best.

STEPHEN GARFIELD
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LEARNING FROM DEFEAT

TONY TUCKER WOULD DO WELL TO study the career of Gene Tunney. The great Harry Greb couldn't have handed Tunney a worse beating using his bare fists in a dark alley. But Tunney later said without his brutal loss to Greb, he would have "never learned how to beat him." And of course, Gene did come back to defeat Greb several times.

Tunney had one of the most important and unrecognized gifts in boxing . . . the ability to peer through the blood, pain and heat of battle to coolly and objectively evaluate the big picture. This allows a fighter to not only turn fights around, but to bounce back from defeat.

That is what makes Tucker's performance against Tyson so exasperating. Tyson's dominance from Round Four to the final bell was cut-and-dried. Yet Tucker's corner did nothing, said nothing and Tucker danced and boxed like he was comfortably ahead. The sad part is Tucker thought he won, and probably still does. Wherever Tunney is (rest his soul), I'm sure he realizes Tucker learned nothing from his defeat.

JIM DAVIS
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SUPERSTAR OR SUPER STIFF?

A REAL FIGHT WAS BOUND TO COME and too bad Mark Breland wasn't prepared. He's always been made out to be a superstar, but we saw nothing to back that up in the Marlon Starling fight. I guess the day had to come when Mark was forced to face more than a mediocre opponent. You can't fight "picked ones" all the time, especially when you have a title.

However, it's not the end of the world for Breland. Has he ever considered putting some meat on those bones to cushion the blows? It doesn't seem like a bad idea to me.

ADALAIDE TYNDALE
Philadelphia, PA

Round One

By Phill Marder

FREE AT LAST

The National Football League players strike, major league baseball players strike, the National Basketball Association players sue their own league, but boxers remain unorganized and unprotected.

It seems strange that athletes in all pro sports are winning freedom through free agency, while boxers become more and more enslaved. It's particularly ironic when one considers boxers had the freedom to make their own career moves long before free agency came into vogue. Now, many pro athletes have the power to play for the team that offers the most money—fans be damned—while the boxer is told who he must fight which, in reality, translates into how much he is allowed to earn.

Before the WBA, WBC and IBF came along, boxing had a single world champion in most divisions. To become that world champion, the boxer had to fight his way through the pack of contenders until the champion gave him a title shot. The key here is that the champion decided who would get the title shot. Often, that decision was based on fan pressure which, in turn, translated into which contender would earn the champion the most money. It was a privilege acquired with the championship, and most champions felt the obligation to meet the deserving contenders. Those that didn't paid the price in fan appeal and historical significance, not to mention the weight of a guilty conscience.

Today, a fighter fights his way to the top only to find when he gets there that one of the three self-appointed governing bodies are telling him, "You must fight so and so."

Consequently, you wind up with a case such as that of **Michael Spinks.** Spinks won an Olympic gold medal. He won the world light heavyweight championship, defended it against all comers, then became the first 175-pound champion to win the heavyweight crown. In his entire career, Spinks has been a credit to the sport of boxing. So what was his reward for his magnificent accomplishments?

The IBF, a group in existence for less time than Spinks has been a professional, insisted that Spinks fight **Tony Tucker,** who somehow was named that organization's No. 1 contender. For fighting Tucker, Spinks would have been lucky to earn $700,000. For fighting **Gerry Cooney,** he was able to earn $5 million.

A baseball player faced with a choice of playing for a team offering $700,000 or a team offering $5 million wouldn't have to think twice about which offer to take. And baseball players, and other athletes, have that option. When Spinks opted to fight Cooney, he was immediately stripped of his championship.

Marvin Hagler went through the same crap when he wanted to fight **Sugar Ray Leonard.**

It's time for the boxer to stand up for his rights. When other athletes are able to choose where they want to play and for how much, why should the boxer be told who he has to fight and for how much by somebody living in South America or Newark?

Maybe promoter **Bob Arum** will open some eyes. Arum, incensed when the WBA first granted approval to an Iran Barkley-Sumbu Kalambay middleweight

Mike Tyson is surrounded by the Weaver Triplets. From left to right we have "Flaming" Floyd, "Too Tough" Troy and "Lightning" Lloyd.

Drew Bundini Brown, pictured smiling on the right after one of Muhammad Ali's victories, recently went down for the final count.

elimination, then withdrew same after arbitrarily making **Mike McCallum** its No. 1 contender, vowed to "blow the whistle."

"I'm going to make a full report to my congressman and the two Nevada senators," said Arum, who said he would urge a congressional investigation of all three "world" organizations.

"Where do they get their funds from, how do they account for them and why don't they pay taxes?" asked Arum.

GREAT READING

The Ring received a super Christmas gift from its friends across the ocean when **Harry Mullan's** "The Great Book Of Boxing" arrived in all its glory.

Mullan, the editor of *Boxing News*, Britain's terrific fight weekly, has put together a work that easily equals and probably surpasses in quality the most successful boxing book of all-time, *A Pictorial History of Boxing*. The writing is top drawer and the photos are fantastic. And, unlike *A Pictorial History of Boxing*, Mullan's new work, which goes right up to 1987, is spiced with some brilliant color photos.

Mullan's work is published by Crescent Books of New York.

Another gem, *Jack Kid Berg, The Whitechapel Windmill*, written by **John Harding** with much input from Berg, comes to us courtesy of Robson Books. It starts off a little sluggish, but once it gets in gear, look out.

Then there's *Boxer Rebellion*, a collection of poems by **David H. Lawrence** published by Maverick Publications. If poetry's your bag, perhaps you'll enjoy it. If boxing's your bag, don't bother.

Round One

ROSIN DUST

Terry Marsh, the IBF junior welterweight titleholder who was undefeated in 29 bouts, was forced to retire when it was discovered he was suffering from epilepsy. Marsh was also forced to give up his firefighter's job ... All charges against **Mike Tyson** stemming from that parking lot incident a few months back were dropped ... Remember **Harold Smith,** the promoter/embezzler who bilked Wells Fargo out of a reported $21 million before being caught and sent to jail? Seems Smith is up for parole. If released, he'll probably want to get back into boxing. There's something to look forward to ... **Drew Bundini Brown,** Muhammad Ali's sidekick who coined the phrase, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee," passed away at age 59 ... **James "Bonecrusher" Smith** retired after losing a decision to Brazil's **Adilson Rodrigues.** Smith didn't start boxing until the age of 28, but his six-year career left him with $2 million in the bank ... Cuban Olympic heavyweight star **Teofilo Stevenson** could return for the '88 Games. The 36-year-old Stevenson, a three-time gold medal winner, is awaiting trial on charges stemming from an automobile accident that resulted in death, but he has not been imprisoned ... **Jake LaMotta** has split with his wife, Theresa. Meanwhile, **Joseph LaMotta,** Jake's son, was charged by Federal Drug Enforcement Agency authorities with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. The younger LaMotta is 38 ... **Beau Williford** has terminated his relationship with heavyweight **Bobby Crabtree** ... The dedication of a 24-foot statue of **Joe Louis** took place at Detroit's Cobo Hall in September. The statue of Louis is 12 feet tall and made of solid bronze. It stands on a 12-foot marble base and was placed in front of the arena.

PHOTO BY MARC MORRISON

Though Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini is anxious to return to the ring to shut Hector Camacho's mouth, the $3 million (apiece) price tag may prevent the match from ever getting off the drawing board.

PUNCH LINES

Ray Mancini has been pushing for a showdown with **Hector Camacho,** but Mancini's price tag of $3 million apiece has some gagging.

"If you would ask me which would come first, $3 million each for Mancini and Camacho or nuclear disarmament, I'd say bet on nuclear disarmament," said **Seth Abraham,** senior vice-president of HBO.

Retorted Mancini, "Seth doesn't know what he's talking about. I'm on the streets talking to people. He's in his cozy office."

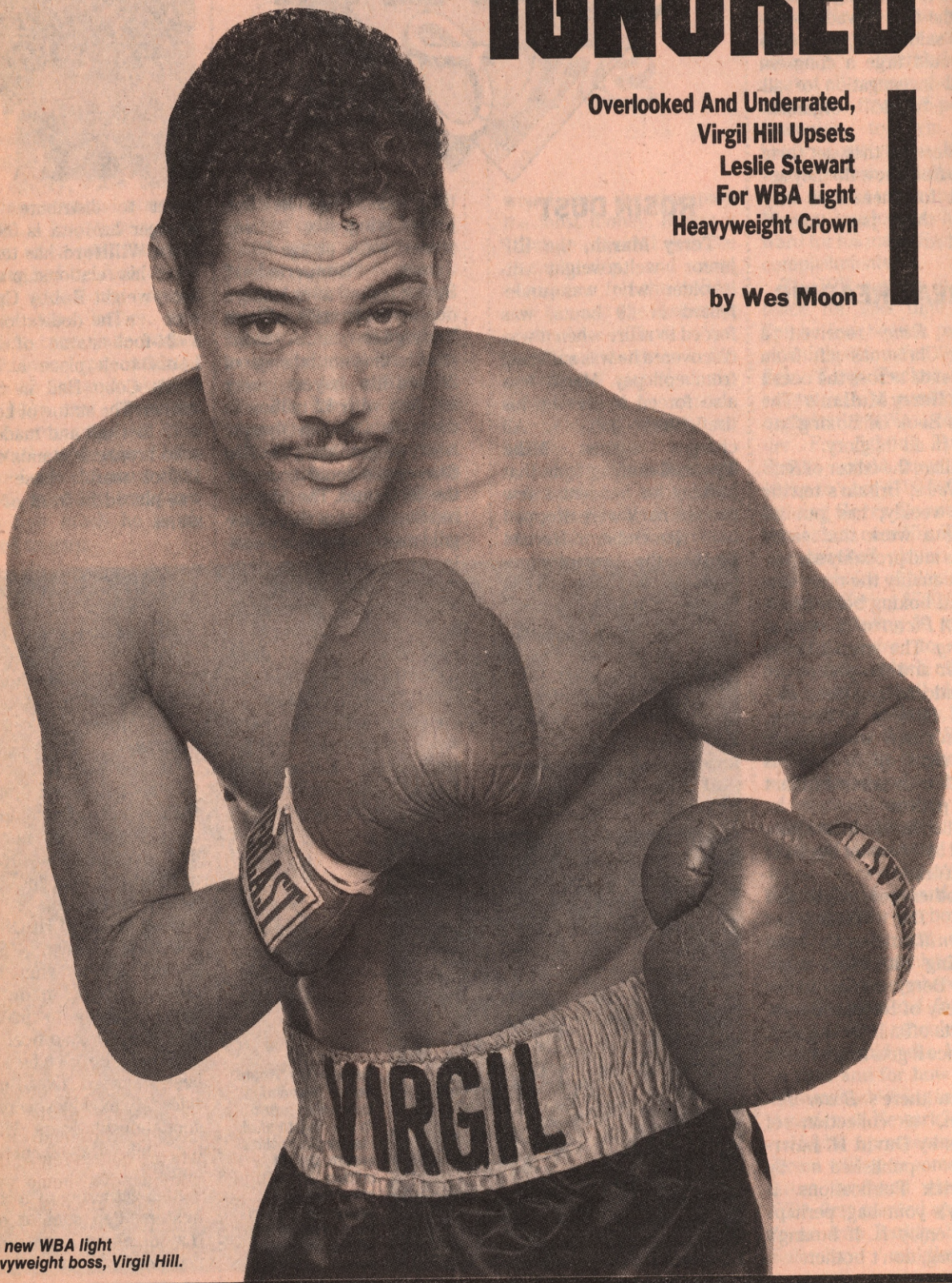
Willie Pep, who has been married five times, said, "My ex-wives were all good housekeepers. When they left, they kept the house."

At a gathering of former fighters, Pep said to one, "Lay down so I can recognize you." □

THE BOXER WHO REFUSED TO BE IGNORED

Overlooked And Underrated, Virgil Hill Upsets Leslie Stewart For WBA Light Heavyweight Crown

by Wes Moon



The new WBA light heavyweight boss, Virgil Hill.

THIS IS ONE THE BOXING "BIGS," THE soft, pudgy guys who achieve limousine status from the ring game without ever lacing on a pair of gloves, blew completely.

Virgil Hill, of Las Vegas, Nevada, the recently crowned World Boxing Association champion, had been shoved aside, bypassed, overlooked, ignored, and in one or two instances, humiliated through his outstanding amateur and professional careers. Even until the moment in the fourth round September 5 at Trump Plaza Hotel Casino when he landed a left hook that knocked out Leslie Stewart, Hill had been overlooked in the grand plans for the division.

The script in the minds of the manipulators read: Stewart to brush aside Hill in his first title defense; defeat the winner of the proposed Eddie Davis—Don "Golden Boy" Lalonde bout for the

Following the 1984 Olympics during which Virgil lost a close (3-2) decision to Korean Joon-Sup Shin in the super middleweight final, he was virtually ignored while several of his teammates were lionized.

World Boxing Council's vacant title and move on to a big money fight with Bobby Czyz, International Boxing Federation champion, to unify the title.

Hill was regarded as a minor pawn in the plan. It would make a good paragraph or two in Stewart's resume to describe how he beat the previously undefeated Olympic silver medalist.

Hill, however, did as he has done throughout his career. He dumbfounded his detractors and embarrassed those who had regarded him so lightly. He dominated Stewart from the opening bell, dictated the pace of the fight, confused the 4-1 betting favorite and knocked him cold with the left hook which had stopped 62 of his 261 amateur opponents and 13 of 19 pro opponents.

He so clearly mastered the WBA champion many of the boxing "experts" considered the class of the light heavies, you must wonder why and how?

Hill came in as a lamb being led to the altar of the profit makers. What have we ignorant fans been fed over the past few years and why has so little of it been about this young boxer?

Let's take a look at this quiet young man who has done all a boxer can do as a pro—defeated everyone sent against him—and who, according to respected trainer Eddie Futch, has not yet reached his potential.

Hill is a wholesome, family oriented 23-year-old dedicated to the sport of boxing. He was born at Clinton, Mo., January 18, 1964, but spent his formative years at Grand Forks, N.D. and lived briefly at Williston, N.D. His is a hard-working middle class family—his father is a plumber—that reveres God, truth, fresh air and fishing. His athletic idol was former champion of the universe, Muhammad Ali, and, after watching the Golden Gloves on television when nine years old, he asked his father, Robert: "Can I try that?"

"When we move back to the city," his father answered.

At the time the Hills were living on a farm to attend an 81-head herd of cattle for an elderly friend. But when they moved back into Grand Forks, his father found a boxing program for Virgil.

As could be expected, there was little to pick and choose from in North Dakota by way of boxing programs.

"There weren't any professional gyms around," said his father. "The guys handling the kids only fought as amateurs. I had to start my own gym to keep boxing going (at Grand Forks)."

As Virgil worked his way through the amateur ranks, he finally had to go to Williston to fight with a group as he prepared for national competition in 1983.

"He had a heck of a disadvantage," said the senior Hill. "Most of the guys he was fighting came out of professional gyms. Virgil never even had anyone to spar with."

Aside from not having the benefit of experienced teachers or capable sparmates, Robert Hill could have added that Virgil also missed the hardening effect of life in the ghettoes.

Futch was later to comment: "All Virgil accomplished as an amateur (250-11 with 62 KOs) was on pure natural talent. We are teaching him now to box."

For those old enough to remember, Hill is more like the old cartoon champion Joe Palooka than anyone boxing. After he beat Stewart, a sporting goods store in Clinton had a jacket made for him bearing the words: "Virgil Hill, WBA Champion."

Hill doesn't wear it, saying, "It's too much like bragging."

Clinton is the home town of Hill's mother, Leona. The family of the parents and four other children, an elder son and three girls, live there at present.

The father is an ex-Air Force man who met Mrs. Hill while in the service. His home is Grand Forks, N.D. and he said the family lived there because union restrictions in Missouri made it hard for a young plumber to thrive.

"You had to be born in a plumbing family to get in the union in Missouri," he said. "But in North Dakota they had the 'Right to work' law."

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The family moved back to Clinton after the union restrictions eased. Hill works out of a one-man shop.

Each summer the Hills vacation in Minnesota where a friend of Mr. Hill operates a "tourist place." The passion is fishing.

"Oh God, how I love to fish," said Virgil. "Out on the water it's you, your thoughts and the fish."

But he admits in the next breath, "My mother is a greater fisherman than I am. You can't get her off the water."

Mrs. Hill's love of the sport, however, is flawed by her fear of snakes.

"She won't go fishing in Missouri," said Mr. Hill, "because of the water moccasins, copperheads and cottonmouths. There are quite a few of them around. I've known of swimmers who were bitten by water moccasins."

Probably more vivid in Mrs. Hill's memory than any of Virgil's boxing triumphs is the picture of "That big wal-

leye he caught."

Both parents are pragmatic about Virgil's boxing career, but puzzled by what they regard as shabby treatment he has received at the hands of those who control the sport.

Following the 1984 Olympics during which Virgil lost a close (3-2) decision to Korean Joon-Sup Shin in the super middleweight final, he was virtually ignored while several of his teammates were lionized. When Main Event/Monitor Productions, headed by Dan Duva, staged an unprecedented televised pro debut for five Olympians—gold medalists Mark Breland, Tyrell Biggs, Pernell Whitaker and Meldrick Taylor and bronze medalist Evander Holyfield—Hill was on the program, but not included in the TV portion.

Nor was he offered a rich contract by Duva and his associates in the venture, as were the others. Main Events/Monitor signed him to a two-year promotional contract. Hill's management went to a group of Cleveland, Ohio, businessmen who named their corporation "Top of The Hill, Inc."

After stopping Arthur Wright in the second round in his debut, Hill went to Las Vegas to train under Futch. The bulk of his work is with Freddie Roach, a protege of Futch.

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"I feel that of all the Olympians I was the only amateur," said Hill. "I never sparred with any pros and had no pro training. They did me the same way in the amateurs as in the pros. I didn't know until the last day if I was on the Olympic team. But I told myself, 'When the time comes I'll be there.' Naturally, I was disappointed after the final. I thought I won the fight."

"Deep within our hearts and soul we thought he should have had it (the gold medal)," said Mrs. Hill.

"I suppose that comes with receiving the silver medal," she said of Virgil's apparent drop into obscurity after the Games.

His father, however, is not so resigned to acceptance of the treatment Virgil has received.

"I won't name names," the elder Hill said. "But one of the coaches told Virgil before the Pan-Am Games—before the trials in '83—that he wouldn't be in the games. Told him right out, 'You aren't fighting.'

"I'll tell you how it was," continued Mr. Hill. "When they gave the decision to Michael Crogan in the trials, Crogan said 'I'm not going to fight.' And even then, they wouldn't put Virgil on the team. They had 10 days in which to notify Virgil, but made an announcement that they had no representative in the class.

"I never understood why Virgil was treated like he was in the amateurs. I know one coach on the Olympic team with some power just didn't like him.

"I'll tell you the kind of kid he is. A week before the Olympics he was sick in Texas with a virus. He flew to California and went into a hospital at Los Angeles and came out the day before the weigh-ins."

Mrs. Hill said, "I get nervous, but Virgil was always good. Had he ever been hit a lot I would worry more. I pray a lot."

The father, whose athletic experience was in high school football, said, "Virgil's never taken a lot of punishment, never took a real beating. He was knocked down only twice in the amateurs and never in the pros and has never been knocked out."

For his part, Virgil is enjoying the sport.

"I've learned so much with Freddie," he said. "I'm learning where to punch, how to set combos, how to move. I enjoy working with Freddie."

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What he loves about the desert country and what he and his parents do when they visit is roam the hills and mountains and visit the many spectacular natural oddities of the area.

When he is not working Virgil lounges around his apartment listening to jazz or "R and B."

His one close friend among the boxers was the late James Shuler, Philadelphia middleweight killed in a motorcycle accident.

"For 10 days after his death I couldn't do anything," said Hill. "I gave him a lot of credit for helping me."

To say Hill has been puzzled by the treatment he has received as a pro would be an understatement.

His opponents weren't hand picked, as they often are for the young pros being groomed for stardom, and as he fought his way along—not necessarily up—Hill encountered boxers with much more experience. Mike Sedillo, who he outpointed in a 10-rounder at Inglewood, California, in his ninth pro fight, was a veteran.

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"We don't know how many fights that guy had had," said Virgil's father. "But he was a tough, experienced guy. That was Virgil's toughest fight."

After Hill beat Clarence Osby in a 12-rounder at New York December 11, 1986, Main Events/Monitor didn't renew the promotional contract with him.

He won the Continental Americas title in that fight, but said, "I don't know what happened to it. Nobody ever contacted me about defending it, or anything."

"Oh well," said the father, "He'd have to vacate it anyway after winning the world title."

That, of course, doesn't excuse the boxing bigs who apparently just ignored the Continental Americas champ after he beat their former champion.

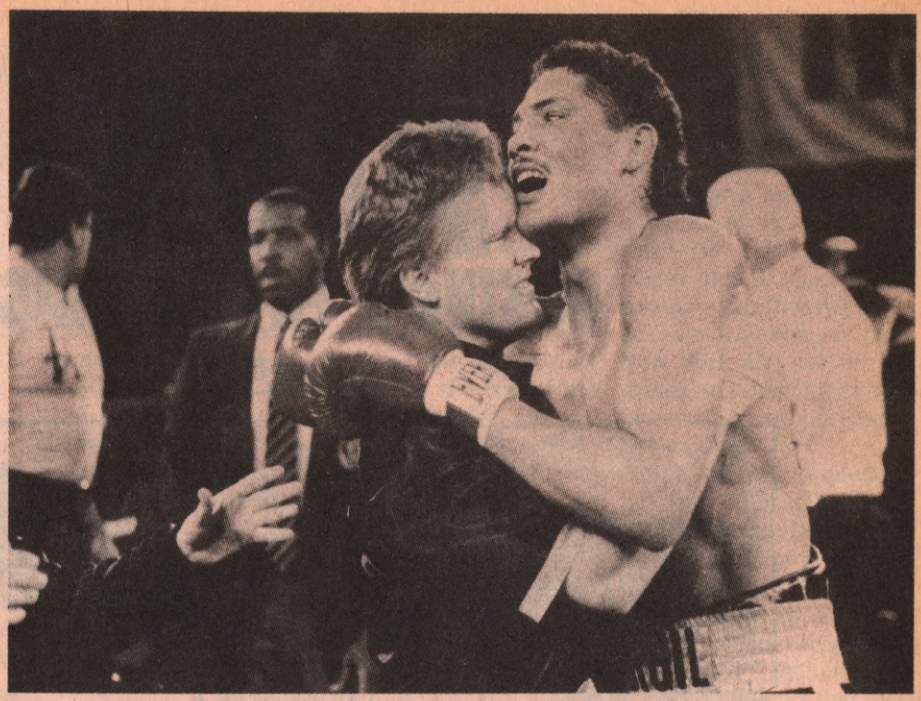
But they won't be able to ignore, overlook or pretend he isn't there anymore.

Virgil Hill easily knocked out the man many believed the star of the light heavyweights.

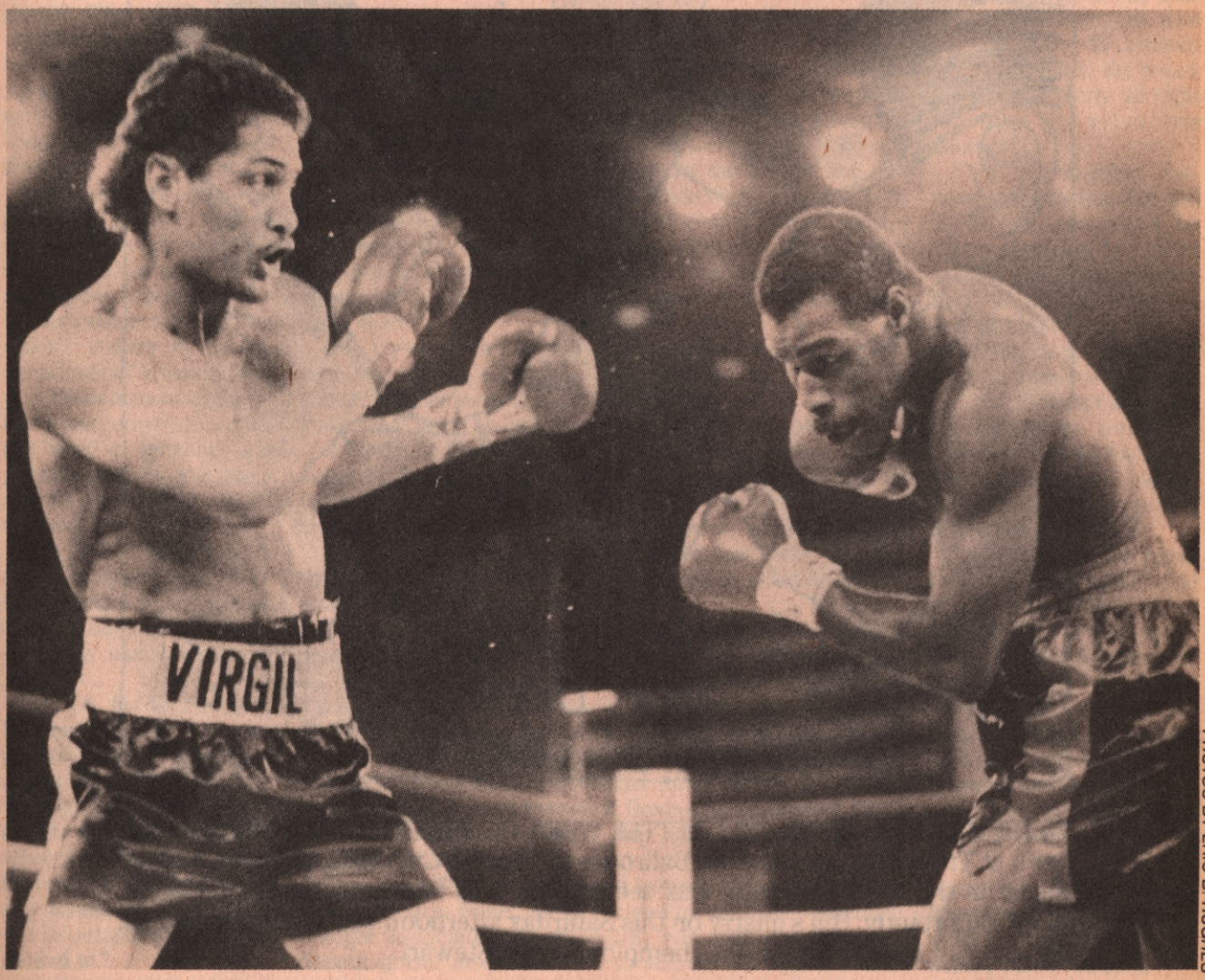
Virgil Hill is the WBA champion of the world.

He might, just might, upset a few more of the manipulators' applecarts. □

Hill and trainer Freddie Roach share a joyful embrace shortly after Virgil iced Leslie Stewart for the WBA light heavyweight crown.



Hill (left) had defending champ Stewart lunging off-balance during the early going of their title bout in Atlantic City. Always known as a fine defensive boxer, Virgil shocked Stewart with his power punching.



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AIDS:
BOXING'S LATEST CRISIS?

by Doug Blackburn

VIRGIL HILL HAD NEVER FELT BETTER WHEN HE ENTERED THE RING SEPTEMber 5 at Trump Plaza's Imperial Ballroom in Atlantic City. Hill, who won a silver medal in the 1984 Olympics, was seeking his 17th win in as many pro fights. More importantly, Hill's quarry on this Saturday afternoon was the World Boxing Association light heavyweight champion Leslie Stewart.

As fine as Hill felt, and as impressive as he was in dispatching Stewart in four rounds to usurp the king's crown, Hill realized something was askew before the fight began. When Hill and Stewart met at center ring to receive their final instructions from referee Vincent Rainone, Hill found himself staring at Rainone's hands. Rainone was wearing surgical gloves. And when Hill returned to his corner to have trainer Eddie Futch insert his mouthpiece, Futch was also wearing surgical gloves.

Welcome to boxing in the AIDS era.

But what exactly is going on here? Why is New Jersey requiring the referee and all cornermen to wear surgical gloves? Why is New York considering following suit, and in the meantime notifying all referees and cornermen that surgical gloves are optional and will be provided if wanted?

Are boxers a high-risk group? If so, are surgical gloves a medically sound answer? Or is this latest measure a gross overreaction by two states that are among the nation's leaders in professional boxing? Is making surgical gloves mandatory for referees and cornermen a reaction based on ignorance and paranoia that will only intensify the ever-growing AIDS hysteria?

First things first. Boxers are not a high-risk group. So far, according to authorities, there are no known cases of an active boxer who has AIDS.

Said Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, Muhammad Ali's former physician and now the analyst for NBC-TV fights, "Boxing, from all evidence thus far, is probably the least affected of any major sport. If a boxer has AIDS, he probably wouldn't want to box. And he certainly shouldn't be allowed to."

The misguided idea behind surgical gloves is to prevent the men who have direct contact with fighters during a bout from getting the fighters' blood on their hands. Current medical findings say that AIDS can be transmitted if a carrier's blood gets into the open wound of an uninfected person. However, this is an infinitely less likely means for the transmission of AIDS than unsafe sex or the use of second-hand hypodermic needles.

More importantly, there's no guarantee surgical gloves serve their designed purpose.

"There's a gross misconception here," said Dr. Pacheco. "The idea is that gloves contribute to sterility, and this isn't true. Many surgeons operate without gloves. Gloves will stay sterile only as long as they're in a sterile environment. By the end of the first round the gloves are no longer sterile. Besides, just the wearing of gloves doesn't render you incapable of getting an infection. It's foolish to think it's a true preventative measure. There's no medically sound basis for this.

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"Surgical gloves are a well-intentioned plan that wasn't well thought out. What is it they're trying to avoid? AIDS? An infection? If so, the gloves don't work. If it's something else, I wish they'd tell me what it is. It's an inappropriate reaction to an imagined threat. It's like trying to stop water with a screen."

The New York State Boxing Commission admits it doesn't know what the answer is. This summer the commission met with its medical advisory board to decide what to do about the AIDS crisis. As a result, surgical gloves became optional and are now provided by the commission for all who wish to wear them.

"But most people don't want to use them," said Deputy Commissioner Marvin Kohn. "Ninety-five percent of the people turn them down."

Jose Torres, Chairman of the New York State Boxing Commission, recently lost a niece to AIDS. He is acutely aware of the disease's grave medical danger, but readily admits he doesn't know what to do about keeping boxing safe from AIDS.

According to Torres, the problem is three-fold: 1) The constitutional rights of the boxers. Will they allow themselves to be tested for AIDS? 2) Time. There's now a six-week wait to get tested for AIDS, with a 3-4 week wait for the result, according to Kohn. 3) Funding. Kohn says it would cost about $125 per fighter for the test, which measures out to be about $5,000 per month. Who would pay for that?

Pacheco disputes the state's findings regarding the waiting period. He says it would take no more than two days to administer the blood test and analyze the results. As for the funding, Pacheco suggests the promoters come up with the money. And The Fight Doctor also thinks AIDS blood tests should become mandatory for all boxers, done on a six-month renewable basis.

In New Jersey, where gloves have for all practical purposes been mandatory since February, Boxing Commissioner Larry Hazzard insists this unusual step was taken because of hygiene, not AIDS.

"You can't divorce health and safety and we are addressing a health issue, simple cleanliness," said Hazzard. "People associate it with AIDS, but that was not our reasoning. Our motivation was to address the hygienic situation to prevent the spread of bacteria. It has nothing to do with AIDS. We have no evidence that rubber gloves prevent AIDS.

"It hasn't met with any objection at all," added Hazzard. "We're making it mandatory only to make it consistent with other rules. We get guys who come in from New York and ask for the gloves, so I don't know why there isn't more compliance in New York."

One disturbing question remains. While there is no medically sound reason for referees and cornermen to wear surgical gloves, what does it suggest symbolically? That the men who are risking their lives in the ring are contaminated, that their blood can kill anyone who should come in contact with them but in the meantime it's perfectly all right for them to infect one another?

This hypothetical, unnecessary practice can and should be eliminated by simply requiring the boxers to have blood tests in addition to EEGs and eye exams. And to take the garbled logic of the state boxing commissions one step further, shouldn't everyone at ringside be forced to wear surgical gloves? Anyone who's sat at ringside can tell tales of getting splattered with blood.

"We're putting the horse before the cart again," said Dr. Pacheco. "This is an overreaction to a crisis."

In the process, an already stained sport is tainted further. And the proud warriors who box are stained as well. Surgical gloves for referees and cornermen is a poorly conceived idea that needs to be reexamined. □

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THE SAFEST DANGEROUS SPORT

By Joseph D'O'Brian

I READ IN THE *NEW YORK TIMES* A FEW days ago that the WBC, in conjunction with The University of California at Los Angeles, is investigating the use (possibly in the ring, during a fight) of a little white box which might be capable of measuring minimal brain dysfunctions in about 15 or 20 seconds.

According to the *Times*, this little box is an optometric device into which the subject can look, and which will determine the subject's visual acuity in perceiving variations in minute gradations of gray in patterns displayed on an internal screen. Apparently, if a fighter suddenly becomes less able to perceive these variations, he's in danger of serious brain damage and should not continue to fight.

It's too soon, the article said, to know whether this machine will actually be of any use. But if it turns out to be accurate for this purpose, it might be the biggest revolution in ring safety since Broughton's Rules of Boxing were first published.

There are some people who don't approve of boxing, who would have us believe that boxing is not only dangerous, but is utterly without safeguards against serious injuries. Many furthermore imply that boxers and boxing fans wouldn't have it any other way. After all, don't people go to the fights in the hopes of seeing someone getting maimed? And don't fighters fight because they enjoy hurting people?

Well, not exactly. The fact is that boxing as we know it today is more than a century old; the British bare-knuckle version of the sport is about 300 years old; and the question of ring safety has been an important one in the boxing world for at least that long.

To be sure, the question of ring safety did not arise at the same time boxing was invented. The earliest boxing contests, staged by the ancient Greeks about 3,000 years ago, usually resulted in the death of at least one of the fighters. In fact, some of these bouts were not supposed to be stopped until one fighter was dead.

This, of course, did not go over so well with the boxers themselves. I mean, even in this day and age, a fighter with a 25-1 record is not accorded as much respect (or as much money) as a fighter who's 25-0. Back then, a fighter who was 25-1 was nowhere. Literally.

As time went on, a fight was allowed to end when one man was unable to continue; he didn't necessarily have to be dead. When the Romans adopted the sport, though, this wasn't enough for them. They didn't insist on boxers being killed, but they certainly wanted to see as much carnage as possible. The Romans were the ones who invented the *caestus*, a primitive boxing glove which was not meant to reduce injuries, but to augment them.

Some versions of the *caestus* were of rock-hard leather several inches thick; they were so heavy that one couldn't throw a straight punch with them, but had to throw hammer-like blows. Still, one of those blows could easily break a bone or two. Other versions of these gloves included metal studs or spikes. The studded variety of *caestus* wasn't usually capable of killing a man, but it could lead to horrible disfigurements.

"This [boxer] who is now as you see him," wrote the satirist Lucilius in about 100 B.C., "once had a nose, a chin, a forehead, ears and eyelids. Then becoming a professional boxer he lost all, not even getting his share of his father's inheritance; for his brother presented a likeness of him, and he was pronounced to be a stranger as he bore no resemblance to it."

Of course, the rules of boxing in those days weren't exactly conducive to ring safety. As far as we know today, there was exactly one rule: no biting. Kicking, gouging, strangling, hitting a man when he was down and other things you'd like to do to your boss were all permitted.

When boxing was revived by the British in the late 17th and early 18th centuries, the brutal *caesti* were eliminated, but the old anything goes attitude remained. Wrestling, hitting low and strangling were still a big part of the game. In some fights, the fighters were allowed to use clubs as well as their fists.

This changed in 1743, when world champion Jack Broughton drew up the first official rules of boxing. Broughton had accidentally killed an opponent shortly before and wanted to make as sure as he could that such a thing would never happen again. These rules were not drawn up so much to bring order to the sport (Broughton didn't think he could enforce them outside his own fight club, anyway) as they were to prevent injuries. Thus, it can be said that Broughton was the first great pioneer of ring safety.

Broughton's rules were basic, but they were humane and most of them were quite sensible as to the safety factor. His rules were so clearly good ones that they were adopted by fight clubs all over Great Britain and remained in force, unofficially, when boxing was forced underground by Parliament in the 1750s.

Jack Broughton drew up the first official rules for boxing in 1743 after accidentally killing an opponent.

Broughton, of course, also championed the use of boxing gloves, "To spare gentlemen the inconvenience of black eyes and broken noses." These gloves were used only for training, to be sure. Pro fighters were still expected to reconcile themselves to a little facial disfigurement; gentlemen were another matter entirely.

As we all know, the Marquis of Queensberry Rules were introduced in 1867 as a further advance in ring safety. The three-minute time limit on rounds (which could have lasted for hours under Broughton's rules), the 10-second time limit on knockdowns (it had been 30) and the use of gloves were all calculated to keep boxers from getting exhausted, from fighting when they could fight no longer, and from getting their faces completely destroyed.

Now, here's an interesting point: Bare-knuckle fights certainly could be brutal, and there were many instances of men being seriously hurt or killed in the ring. But statistically, there were *fewer* ring deaths with the old bare-knuckle rules than there are these days with gloves.

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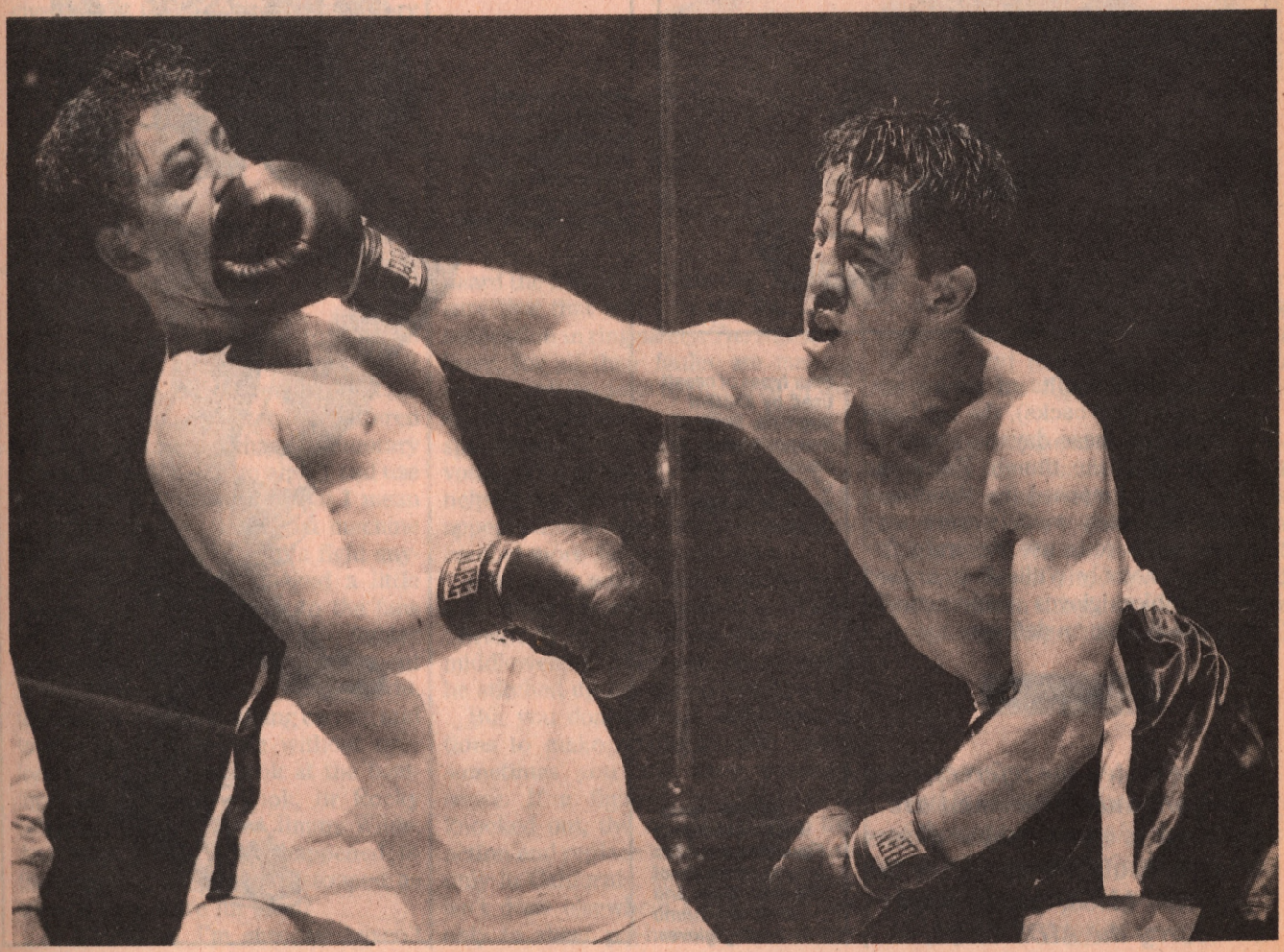
When you stop to think about it, this isn't all that surprising. I've been punched in the face and head with bare fists and with boxing gloves, as I'm sure many of you have been. In my experience, a punch with a bare fist might hurt like the dickens, but it won't knock me out. Even a light punch from a gloved fist, though, rings my bell pretty good.

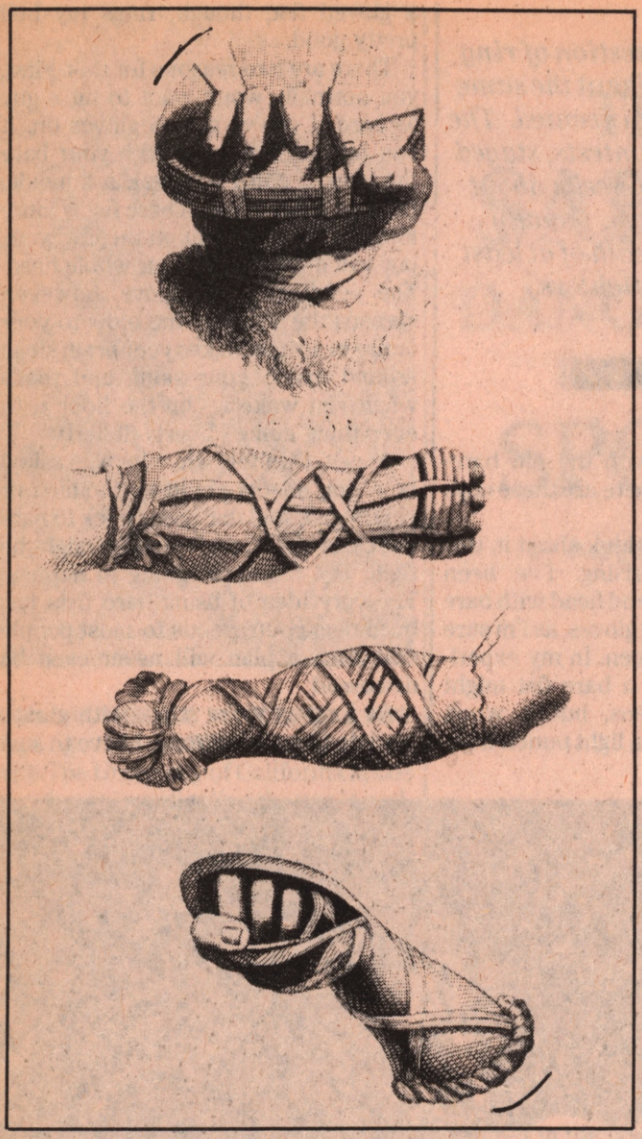
There are two reasons for this. First, you normally won't want to hit a guy as hard if you've got no gloves on. If you hit him full force with your bare fist, you're going to break a knuckle. Second, a blow from a bare fist is more localized. If you're hit on the jaw, your jaw will hurt, but not your whole head. The padding in the glove, however, spreads the shock of the blow to your entire head and makes your brain slosh around inside your skull, and that's when you wake up on the floor with everything going jibberty-jibberty.

Angelo Dundee, when he was asked how ring deaths could be reduced or eliminated, said that going back to bare knuckles would do it. And he might be right. But it's never going to happen: The very idea of using bare fists has become so outrageous to most people that such a plan will never even be discussed.

As long as we're stuck with gloves (and don't get me wrong; I have to sus-



How many bouts would Rocky Graziano (seen on the right tagging Tony Janiro en route to a 10-round draw) have won if he was fighting in the 1980s? THE RING's Joe D'O'Brian suggests take-one-to-land-one sluggers like Graziano would be in deep trouble with many of today's safety-first referees.



pect that the benefits of gloves outweigh their drawbacks), the big bone of contention these days is what's to be done with the thumb. For some time, I was opposed to thumbless gloves: The early models were very clumsy and hard to use. Several fighters, most notably Willie Pep, argued that thumbless gloves would actually hamper a fighter on defense.

Four types of caesti used by ancient pugilists. Such weapons often caused the death of one, and sometimes both fighters.

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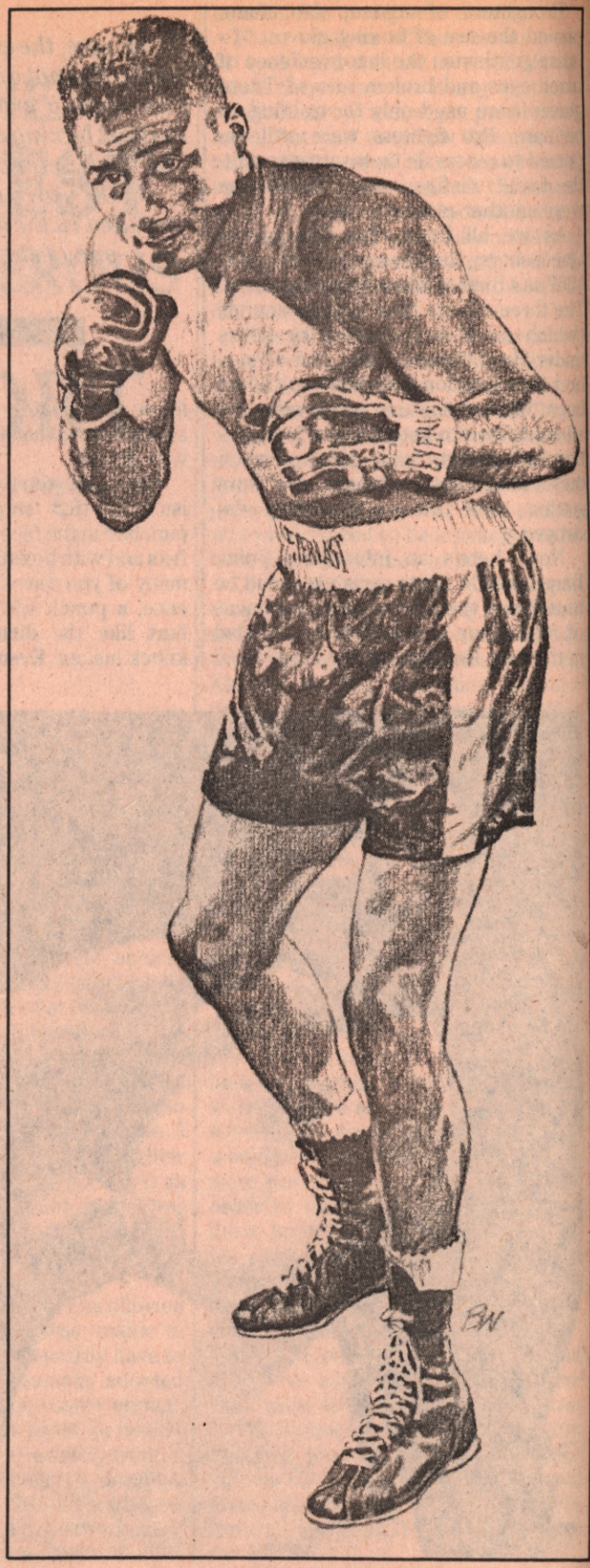


Former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson is a strong advocate of the thumbless and attached-thumb boxing gloves.

But I have changed my mind on that point. Several fighters have told me that the new "thumb attached" models are comfortable enough and that they don't significantly change the way the fighters do business. Many top fighters whose opinions I respect, including Floyd Patterson, Sugar Ray Leonard and Michael Olajide Jr., advocate their use; Leonard, in fact, refused to fight without them in his last fights. I'm not a fighter; they're the fighters, and they must know what they're talking about better than I do.

There's another glove-related controversy these days that has nothing to do with boxing gloves; it concerns rubber gloves. In some states, the referees, ring doctors and cornermen are required to wear rubber gloves so as to avoid contact with the fighters' blood, which might carry the AIDS virus.

Some people say that this is taking the AIDS panic a little too far. I don't. Certainly, there are instances where people are overly concerned about contracting AIDS, but I don't think this is one of them. Unless all fighters are given a test for the virus before every fight, it seems that we're forced to live with a precaution like this. There is, let's face it, a lot of blood in the ring, and there are boxers who are homosexual or who use intravenous drugs.

Now then, about that little box that's being looked into by the WBC and UCLA. Will boxers be looking into it themselves before long? And should they have to?

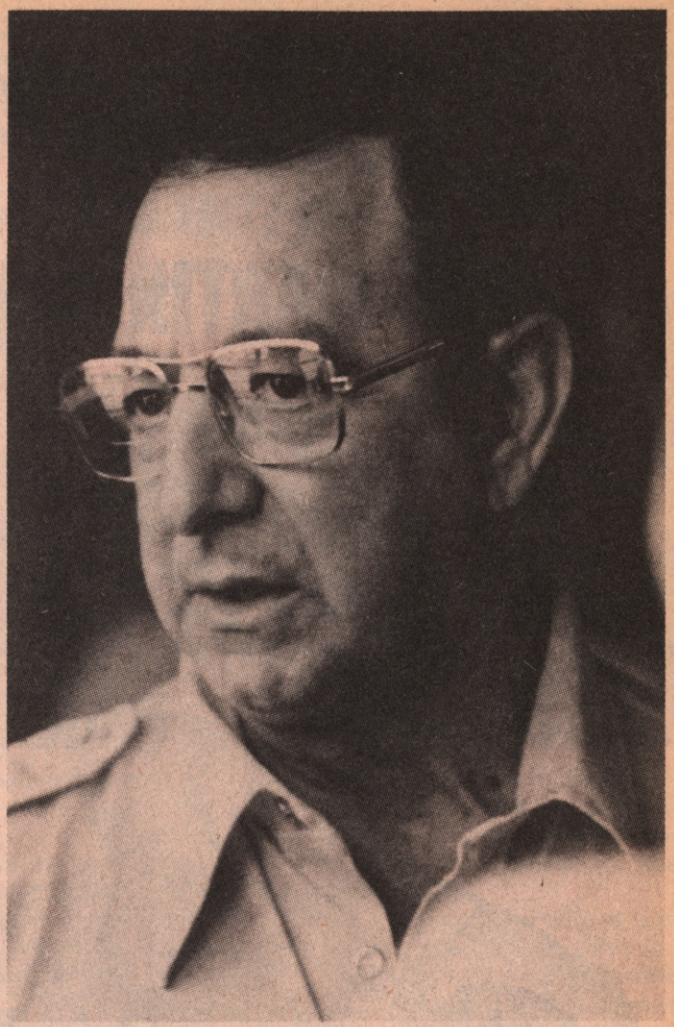
I'm not really qualified to give an opinion, but I'll give one anyway: If that little box can be proven to indicate whether or not a fighter has suffered a degree of brain damage, temporary or otherwise, I'd say go ahead and use it. But don't overuse it. What I mean is, if through the use of that machine they're now going to stop a fight anytime someone gets knocked a little groggy, that won't be fair to the fans or the fighters. There's many a fighter who took a great deal of punishment in a fight but still came back to win, to have a long and fulfilling career, and to live for a long time without ever losing his faculties. Look at the beatings Jack Dempsey took, or Rocky Graziano, Tony Zale or Jimmy Wilde. And what would have happened to these guys if they'd been stopped as soon as they were hit hard?

At all events, I'm sure we haven't heard the last of this little box. And I'm sure that that won't be the last great innovation in ring safety. The Alphabet Boys, for all their faults, are making some contributions to this area of the sport; well-known sports medicine specialists like Dr. Max Novich are devoting a lot of money and research to helping boxers avoid injuries; and it appears that boxers themselves are becoming more safety-conscious.

(Of course, some doctors are becoming more boxing-conscious. Terry Christle, M.D., is also an up-and-coming middleweight. After one recent fight, he stitched up his opponent's eye.)

But you don't always need innovations to make boxing a safer sport; sometimes you just need common sense. If a fighter's mouthpiece is knocked out, the ref should stop the action and replace it. This is now done only in California, and the fact that it isn't done elsewhere I can put down only to sheer pig-headedness on the part of boxing commissions. And for God's sake, let's get rid of the standing eight-count! If a guy's incapable of fighting and hasn't the sense to go down, let the fight be stopped completely.

And I guess the most common-sensical thing any of us can do is to accept the fact that injuries will happen in this sport from time to time. They happen in any sport. We can reduce them, but we will never eliminate them. And that'a a rotten thing, but we can either accept it or forget about boxing. □



Angelo Dundee wasn't joking when he suggested ring deaths could be reduced by going back to bare-knuckle bouts.

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FROM TRASH PICKER TO CHAMPION:

THE STORY OF

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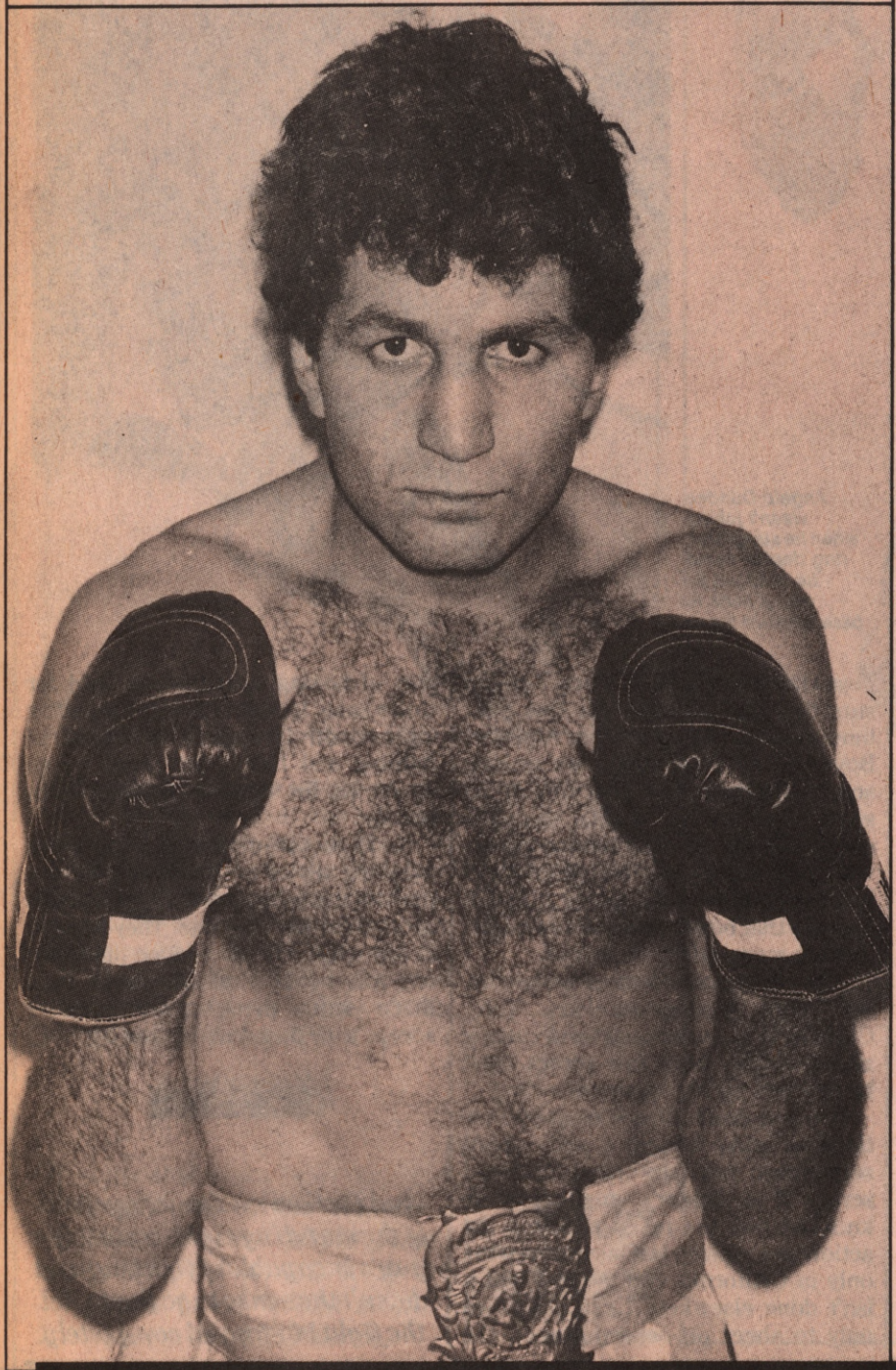


by Carlos Irusta

JUAN MARTIN COGGI WAS JUST A 15-year-old kid when he decided he wanted to be a boxer. For awhile he satisfied his pugilistic desires in unofficial sparring bouts with his friends, but soon he felt the need for more formal training.

Coggi approached Juan Carlos Sosa, the former cruiserweight champion of Argentina, and asked for his help.

"I must study to be a world champion," implored Coggi.

"Okay, then you must go to the big university—Luna Park," replied Sosa, humoring the youngster. "What trainer do you want?"

"The best," Coggi quickly shot back.

Realizing Coggi was serious about his ambition to be a fighter, Sosa introduced him to his own manager, Santos Zacarias.

"At my first glance, I knew he would be a champion," recalled Zacarias, a former middleweight boxer.

Coggi was born in Fighiera, Santa Fe, December 19, 1961, but his family moved to Brandsen, Buenos Aires when he was a child. For the budding boxer to get to Luna Park it was necessary to travel a long distance every day.

"It was very expensive for me to travel by bus and train," said Coggi. "Of course, I soon made friends and they started to bring me to the gym. I was always sure about one thing—I was going to be a world champion.

"I am of Italian heritage and the famiglia always comes first," said Coggi as he recalled his teenage years. "To have an honest job is more important than anything. Well, my job was not too fancy, but it was a job. I used to go around the worst places, picking up old things like bottles, paper and other kinds of waste and sell them."

Soon, trash picking became secondary to boxing. Zacarias, who in the Argentine tradition is also Coggi's trainer, worked very hard to develop his young prospect. Zacarias knew what was required as he had already guided Sergio Victor Palma to the WBA

Argentina's latest boxing hero is Juan Martin Coggi, the WBA junior welterweight champion. The 26-year-old Coggi has a professional record of 32-1-2 with 19 KOs.

Coggi strengthens his stomach muscles during a workout at the famed Luna Park Gym in Buenos Aires.

super bantamweight title in the late 70s.

"Palma grew up with me," said Zacarias. "I conducted him to the world championship step by step. I knew I could do the same for Coggi."

The relationship between Zacarias and Coggi is apparently stronger than the one between Zacarias and Palma.

"Palma abandoned Zacarias and lost his crown," said Coggi. "For me, Zacarias is more than a manager. He's everything. He believed in me when I was a kid."

At first Coggi did not seem to be anything special, just another speedy young southpaw with a stiff punch. He made his pro debut April 2, 1982 in La Plata, stopping Horacio Valdez in four rounds.

At the time, the junior welterweight division in Argentina was overflowing with excellent fighters, and Coggi was the youngest and most inexperienced. There was Ubaldo Sacco (who eventually won the WBA 140-pound belt), a smart and talented boxer with a classic style and dangerous punch; Hugo "Pajarito" Hernandez, a strong, southpaw killer with stamina and ambition to burn; and Adolfo Arce Rossi, the little dancing master. Coggi was in danger of being lost in the crowd.

In fact, Coggi's first big fight at Luna Park ended in disaster when Rossi easily outpointed him, March 9, 1985. It was his first loss after 22 straight professional victories. However, his manager did not agree with the verdict.

"They (the ringside judges) are crazy," said Zacarias. "Rossi is a coward. My boxer made all the effort. They don't know a damn thing about boxing."

At the time of Coggi's first loss, fellow countryman Sacco was the WBA junior welter champion, having defeated Texan Gene "Mad Dog" Hatcher. But Sacco reportedly had a drug problem and lost the title to Patrizio Oliva in Monte Carlo, March 15, 1986. Sacco, perhaps the most brilliant boxer from Argentina in the last 10 years, lost more than his belt. He lost his future.

Meanwhile back home, "Pajarito" Hernandez's status was rapidly growing. He stopped Rossi twice at Luna Park and bragged that he would soon be champion. Then, promoter Tito Lectoure made a match between Hernandez and Coggi.

"Hernandez will kill him. Coggi is too young for him," said most of the fans.

They couldn't have been more mistaken.

Coggi destroyed Hernandez, knocking him down three times in the third round before a stunned crowd of 10,000 at Luna Park. A new star was born.

Finally, Coggi with the help of Lectoure, secured a match with Oliva and traveled to Sicily for a crack at the title and a $25,000 purse. Coggi's dream of becoming a champion came true on July 4, 1987 when he stopped the defending champ in the third round after flooring him three times. The impressive victory upped his overall pro record to 32-1-2 with 19 KOs.

A family man, Coggi still lives in his old house in Brandsen with his wife, Alicia, and his three-year-old son Martin. When he went to Sicily to challenge Oliva, he took them both with him.

Coggi is nicknamed "Latigo," which means whipper, a reference to his punishing left hand. He is the third junior welterweight titleholder from Argentina, following in the footsteps of Sacco and the legendary Nicolino Locche. His fans have given him a Citroen, but Coggi said, "In the future, I will give the car to a hospital. Soon I will have money."

Argentina's latest champion is confident of his future.

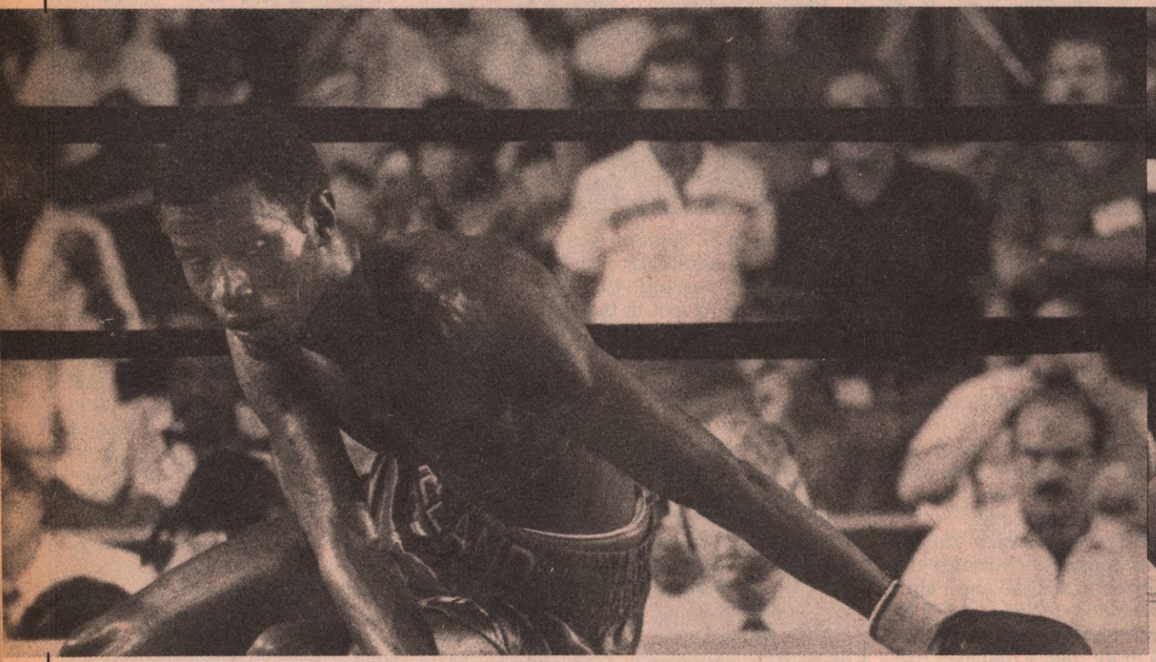
"I will make about five or six defenses of my title. Then, I will quit boxing while still a champion, just like Carlos Monzon." □

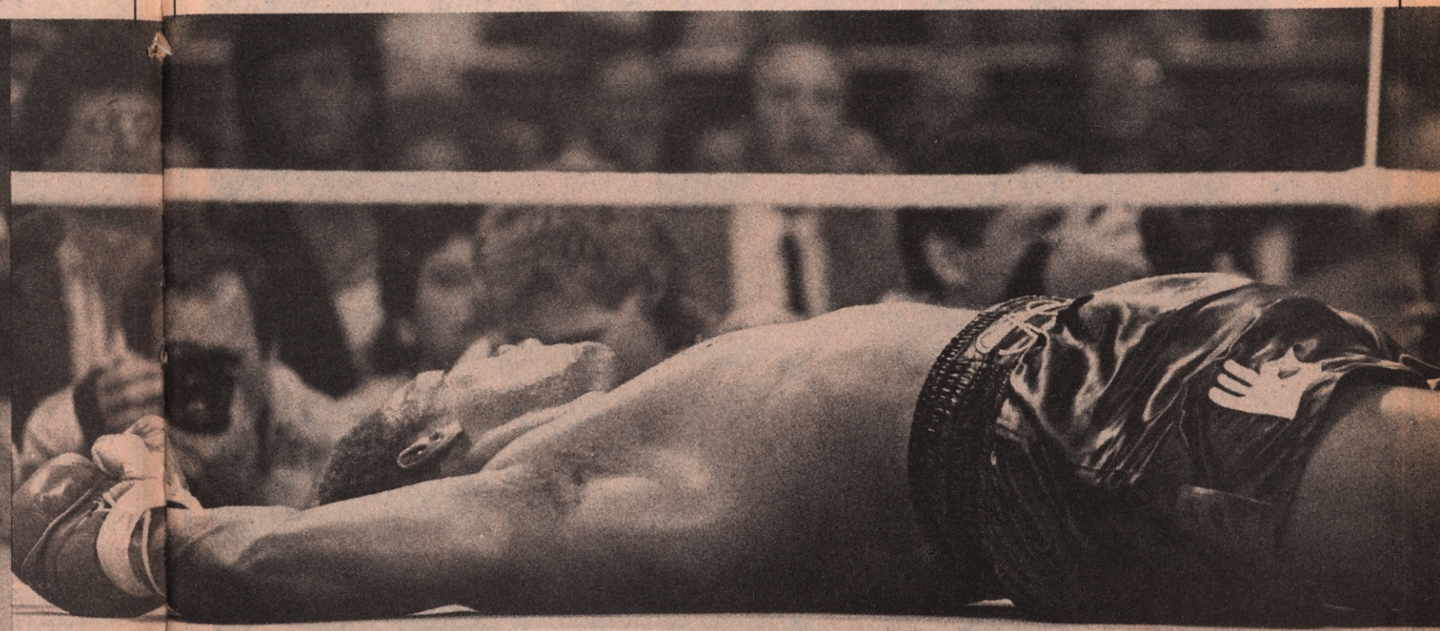
NOT-SO-CHEAP HOOKERS

by Joseph D'O'Brian

Life is the best left hooker I ever saw, although some say it was Charlie White of Chicago.

—Ernest Hemingway





Left hook victims Mark Breland (below) and Donald Curry (right) after Marlon Starling and Mike McCallum, respectively, put their lights out.

PHOTOS BY CURT NORMAN (BRELAND) AND CHRIS FARINA (CURRY)

THE OLD RELIABLE LEFT HOOK SEEMS to be enjoying a sudden vogue these days. In a relatively brief period, we've seen three fellows who most people thought were invincible go up against it, only to be found wanting. First, Donald Curry, who we all still believed would go places, found a message on Mike McCallum's left glove, and the message was "Kindly fall down." Then Mark Breland, who the TV networks earnestly assured us was Ray Robinson's secret son, met up with Marlon Starling's sinister left mitt. Color him gone. And finally Leslie Stewart, another hype in the making, was hyped right out of his senses by a left hook from somebody called Virgil Hill.

Too many left hooks around here these days, a few of us are saying. It's like an unwanted pregnancy: There you are, going along just fine, and all of a sudden, ba-boom! Your earning power is zapped for the next year or two.

Probably there aren't any more good left hookers around today than there ever were. This is just one of those things where all of a sudden a few of the better hookers strike it rich at the same time. But that's as good an excuse as any to talk about the left hook for a bit.

It's probably the oldest punch in boxing: There are pictures of ancient Greek boxers throwing primitive left hooks. It was probably the first punch to be perfected in the modern sense, too: Jim Corbett, back in the 1890s, mastered the technique of the left hook, and his version of it is more or less the version which survives today. The modern jab, uppercut and cross didn't really surface until the 1910s and 20s.

But the left hook is also one of the hardest punches to understand. It's almost always a power punch rather than a finesse punch, and it's the kind of punch where if you're watching the fight, rather than participating in it, it's pretty easy to see the blow coming. Thus, it's interesting to note that the left hook is usually most effective against a smart boxer, and less so against an all-offense, brawling opponent.

The left hook is also the only punch that can hurt you if you're moving away from it, as well as if you're leaning into it. The best way to avoid being hurt by a jab or a cross is to roll with it, to neutralize its power by moving your head in the same direction as the punch. A hook, on the other hand, has knocked out a lot of men who were doing exactly that.

greatest left hookers in history, with only a few exceptions, have not been the greatest fighters. When you list the great left hookers, you think of Joe Frazier, Battling Nelson, Gerry Cooney, Charley White, Tony Galento, Ray Robinson, and a few others. Only Robinson and Frazier, of this list, could arguably be called among the greatest fighters.

So it might be fair to call the left hook the great equalizing punch. A fighter who has little else will usually do all right if he has a good left hook, sometimes beating a man who, on paper, is a better fighter. Look at it this way: Donald Curry seemed to have Mike McCallum more or less under control before McCallum ended matters with one shot. Breland and Starling were going along pretty even before the dénouement; some years ago, Jimmy Ellis was giving Joe Frazier fits in their heavyweight title match before Joe started getting that left hand in.

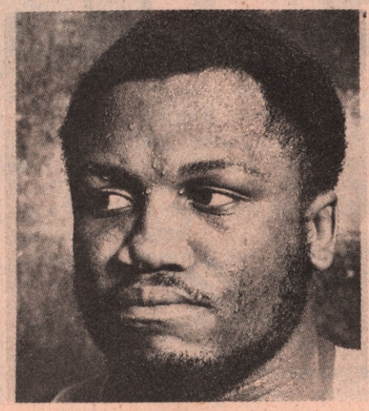
It's a punch that makes everybody nervous. When Larry Holmes went into the ring against Gerry Cooney, I thought I'd seldom seen a man look so confident as Holmes did. But in the first minute of the opening round, Cooney swung his left into Larry's ribs so hard I could almost hear the crunch in Cedar Rapids. And Larry's eyes bulged with surprise and (dare I say it?) more than a touch of fear. If there had been any dog in Larry Holmes, Cooney might have won the fight right there.

Back in 1939, Joe Louis was in the midst of handing out an awful pounding to Tony Galento when, midway through Round Three, this big left glove with a short, fat Italian on the other end of it sent Louis over backwards. Louis was not seriously hurt, but the incident scared the daylights

It is true that a world championship seldom changes hands as the result of a left hook. The first time a left hook caused a new heavyweight champ to be crowned was in 1951, when Jersey Joe Walcott used one to overcome 7-1 odds and kayo Ezzard Charles; the only other such instance occurred in 1960, when Floyd Patterson belted out Ingemar Johansson with left hooks.

(Some say that Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out Jim Corbett with a left hook to the body in 1897, but this is inaccurate: Fitz had shifted into a southpaw stance before throwing that punch, so it was actually a left cross.)

Another interesting point is that the



Joe Frazier's vaunted left hook did more damage to opponents moving away from the punch as Muhammad Ali was to learn.

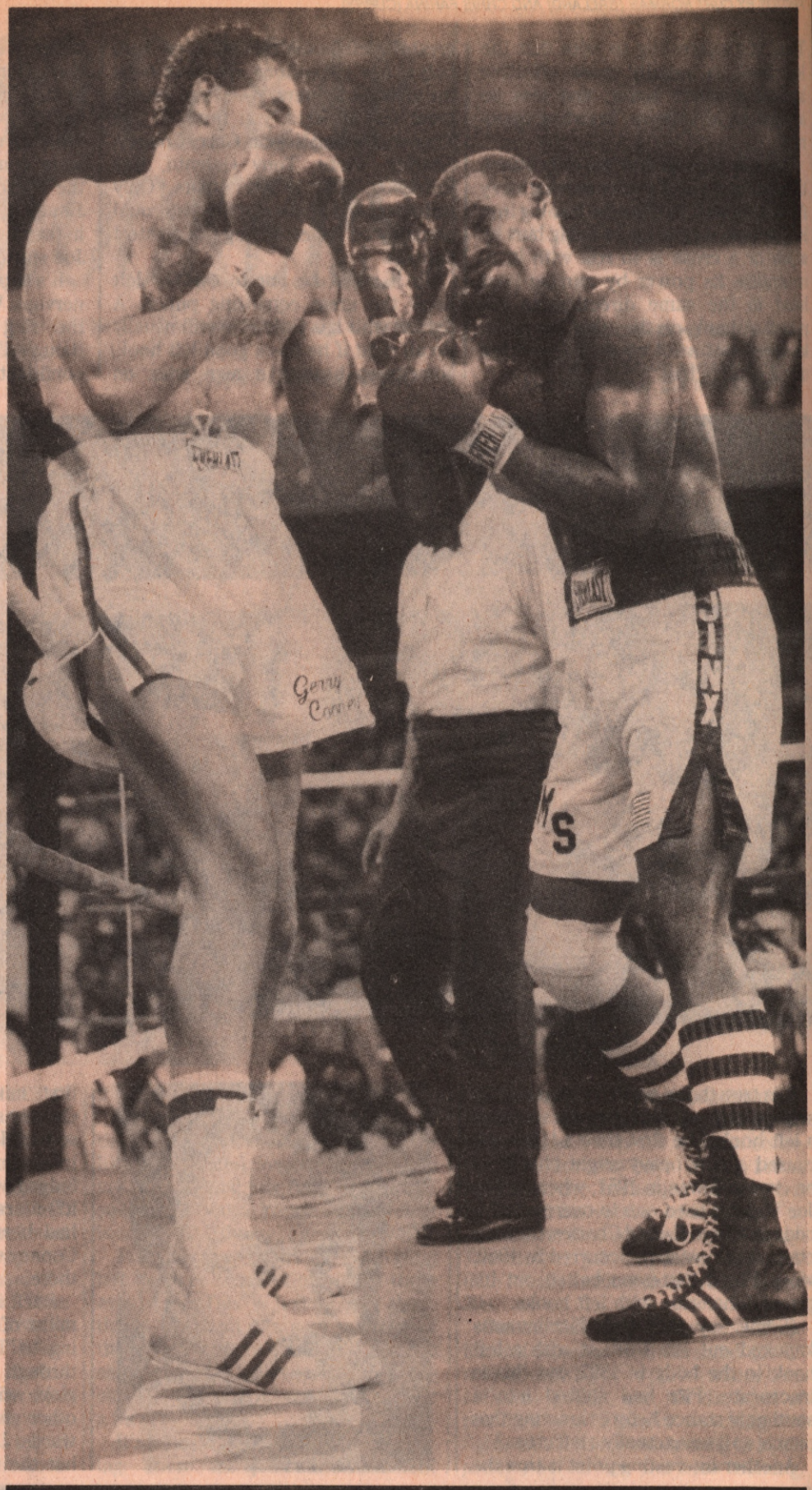


PHOTO BY WILL HART

Gerry Cooney (left) connects with his famous left hook against Michael Spinks in their "War at the Shore." Unfortunately for Cooney, this was the only time he landed his port-side bomb and Spinks soon recovered to score a TKO.

Sugar Ray Robinson plants a kiss on Gene Fullmer's cheek shortly after giving Fullmer the kiss-off with one of the best left hooks in boxing history.

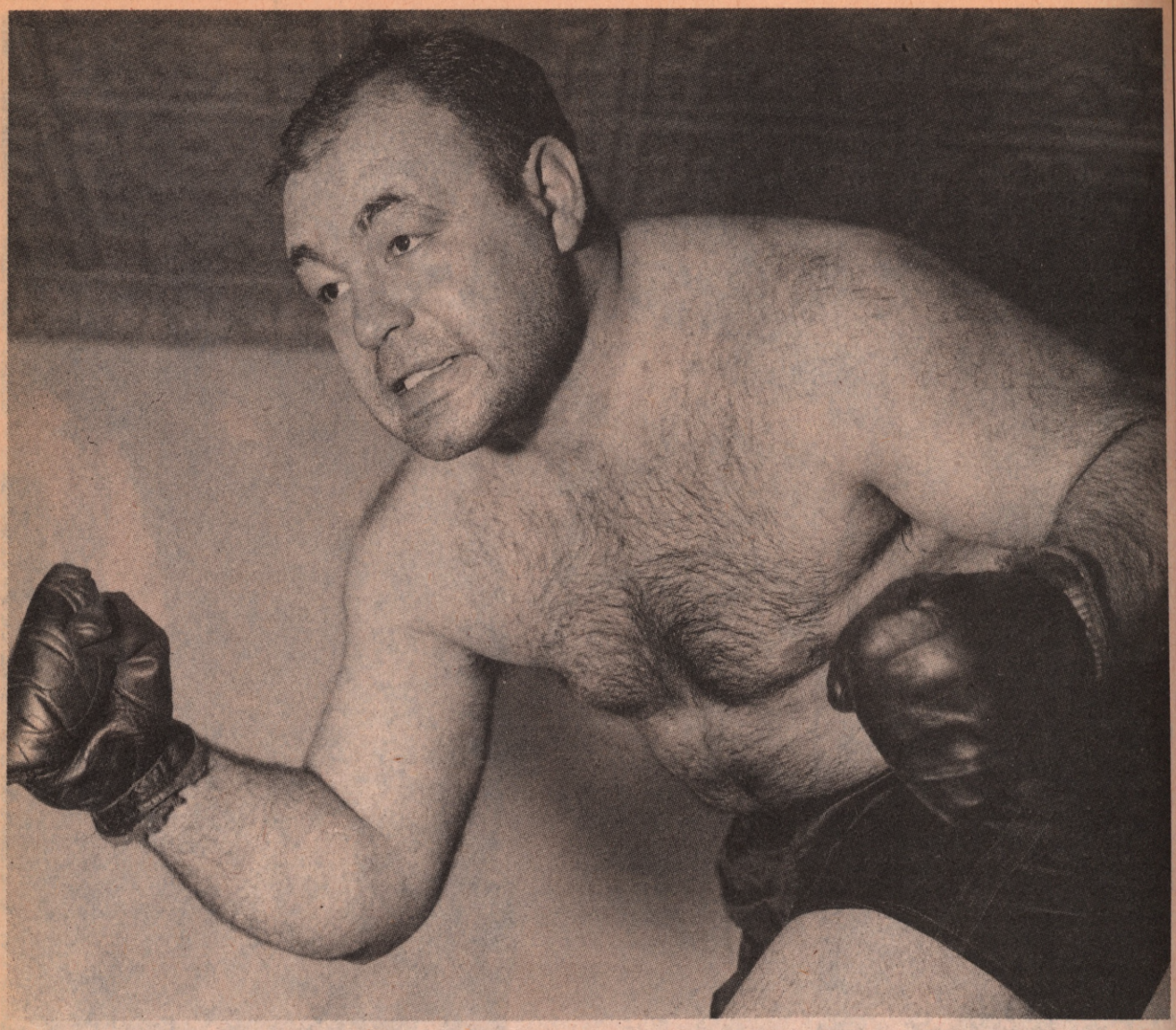
out of his corner as Louis recalled in his memoirs.

"When I got back to my corner after that round," he wrote, "Chappie [Jack Blackburn, his trainer] was all over me. 'What's wrong with you?' he yelled. 'You want a bum like that to take your title away? Now go out and finish him before he does it again!' " And Louis did.

All novice boxing fans, in my opinion, should be taken to see a good left hooker in action before their fandom becomes very far advanced. To see several left hooks is quite an education in itself, simply because the punch lends itself to so much variety. It can be a short punch or a long one, a wounding punch or a killing punch. And every good left hooker, of course, presents his own variations.

Battling Nelson, the lightweight champ of the 1900s, had perhaps the most unusual left hook. In his case, it was almost exclusively a body punch, which he used to wear down his opponent over the long haul. He delivered the blow in a stabbing motion, striking with the inside portion of the fist and thumb. Some opponents actually claimed that he pinched them as he delivered the blow, which would have been quite a feat of timing. In any case, it was Nelson's chief weapon. He couldn't box, and he was no kayo artist, but that persistent hook to the body won him the lightweight title.

Joe Frazier's left hook was a sweeping sideways blow, which he delivered more with his massive shoulder than with his fist. It seldom laid an opponent out cold, but it was a stupefying punch



"Two Ton" Tony Galento wasn't much of a craftsman, but his left hook was potent enough to put Joe Louis on the canvas.

that inevitably led to a kayo a little ways down the line.

Frazier's greatest success with his punch came against smooth, slick fighters such as Muhammad Ali and Ellis: Because it was a long punch, its power reached maximum after it had traveled some distance. Thus, a fighter who backed away from it was in the greatest danger.

In the first Frazier-Ali bout, Ali was boxing in retreat in the 15th, knowing the bout was close and that he'd have to dance his butt off to win. If he'd been coming forward, that left hook that knocked him down would have gone round his neck and done nothing. As it was, the blow undid Ali finally, proving that in addition to a left hook, Frazier had a remarkable gift of aim and distance.

Frazier's left hook got him nowhere against George Foreman, however. Foreman was by no means a good defensive fighter, so he wasn't able to actually avoid the blows, but he was always moving in. This neutralized Frazier's left hook: Frazier was always too close to Foreman to allow the blow to land with the greatest effect. And we all know what happened then.

Ray Robinson had the classic left hook, naturally. His dancing and jabbing was what caught the eye of most fans, but the older *aficionados* still remember the perfection of the left hook with which he kayoed Gene Fullmer in the fifth round of their second fight. Fullmer had mauled Robinson in their first bout, taking the middleweight title, and appeared on the way to doing the same thing this time—until Robinson equalized matters with one punch.

A picture of Robinson landing that blow, probably one of the most classically beautiful punches ever recorded, found its way into the *World Book Encyclopedia* as an example of an ideal left hook. "I always thought that was a heck of a way to get my picture in the *World Book Encyclopedia*," Fullmer once joked. Too bad, too, for Fullmer was no mean hooker himself.

The thing I like best about a left hook

is that, as I've mentioned, it's about the easiest punch to see if you're a spectator. In most cases, you don't know what's going to happen next in a fight, but you can sometimes see a left hook even before the fighter in question has decided to throw it.

This happened in the recent McCallum-Curry bout. There I was, comfortably situated in front of the TV, beer in hand, with the fight going along pretty even and looking like it would be a close contest for at least five more rounds, when all of a sudden McCallum landed a sharp right to the body and Curry backed off from it, moving both hands slightly downward as he did so.

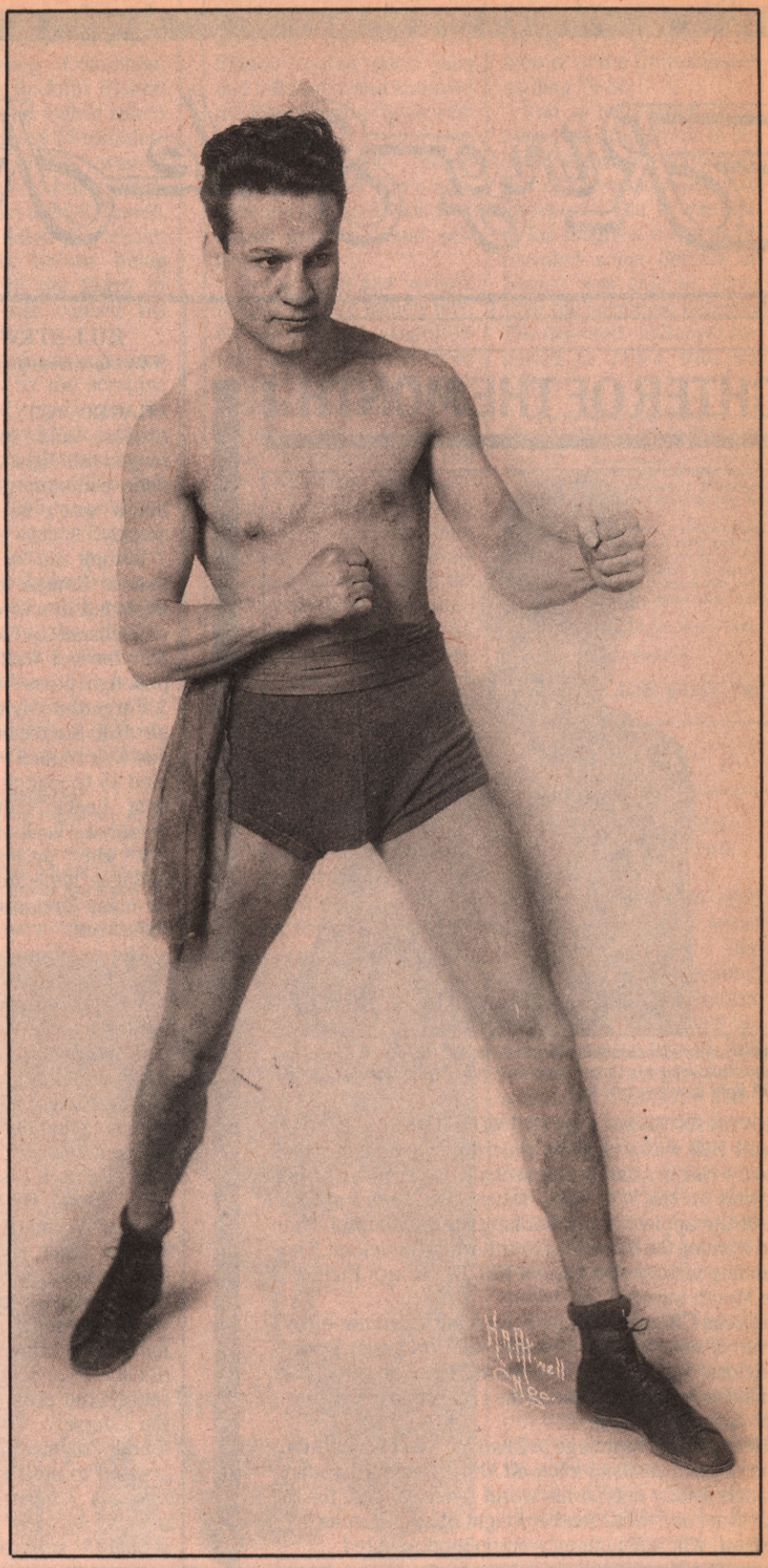
A thought raced across my mind just as I saw Curry do this, and before McCallum's following punch had even begun to look like it would be thrown: "A left hook right now will put Curry down."

And then there it came, steaming along from the hip, right up to Curry's chin. I almost had the feeling McCallum hadn't thought to throw that punch, that the opening was so perfect that his body took over and threw the punch for him.

The same thing happened a few years back when Michael Spinks kayoed Marvin Johnson with one big left. Johnson came at him wide open, missed with a right hand, and before Spinks had even set himself to counter, I said to myself, "This fight's over."

Spinks' blow was part hook and part uppercut, using the same motion as he might use to play the double bass left-handed. Johnson's head went back as though he'd just been hanged, then the rest of his body went back and stayed horizontal for some minutes. It was kind of a fun thing to see, almost as though I'd told Spinks to throw that punch by telepathy.

There have been great fighters who did not have great left hooks, just as there have been great golfers who were mediocre putters, or great horses who ran poorly in mud. Ali's left hook wasn't really special; his power hand was his right. Marciano's left hook was only pretty good. Jack Johnson didn't really have a left hook; his was more of an uppercut. But the other side of that is that if you do have a good left hook, it's like being a lousy golfer who can putt well: You'll always suffer a little less than you deserve. □



Chicago's famed left-hook artist, Charlie White.

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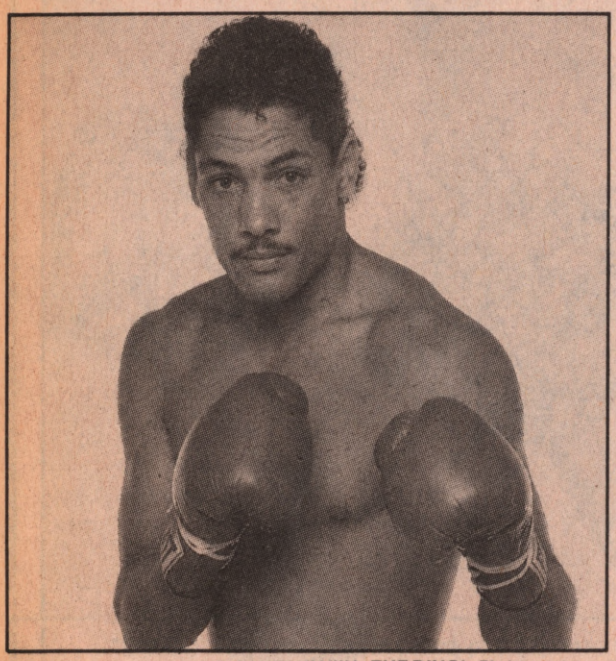
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



1984 Olympic silver medalist Virgil Hill is THE RING's Fighter of the Month following his upset knockout over Leslie Stewart for the WBA light heavyweight title.

THOUGH RATED NO. 6 IN THE WORLD BY *THE RING*, **Virgil Hill** was a gigantic underdog when he climbed into the ring in Atlantic City to challenge Trinidad's Leslie Stewart for the WBA light heavyweight title. But Hill upset the applecart, left hooking Stewart into oblivion and winning the belt with a fourth-round knockout. The stunning victory also earned Hill *The Ring's* Fighter of the Month award.

Korean **Chang-Ho Choi** is this month's runner-up by virtue of his come-from-behind knockout over Dodie Peñalosa. Trailing badly on points, Choi dropped Peñalosa for the full count in the 11th round to win the IBF flyweight crown.

Honorable mentions go to Thailand's **Sot Chitalada,** who stopped challenger Rae-Ki Ahn in the fourth round to successfully defend his world flyweight title for the fifth time, and WBC featherweight champ **Azumah Nelson,** who unanimously outpointed talented challenger Marcos Villasana over 12 rounds to defend the belt for the sixth time. □

HILL-STEWART
WBA Light Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—AN obscure and hastily arranged title fight caught the fistic community unaware, but it won't be forgotten quickly.

Bolting out of nowhere like a Roman candle, it exploded in a brief display of brilliance and left sparks that burned well into the post-fight press conference.

Forgotten Olympian Virgil Hill surprisingly took just four rounds of a scheduled 15 to snatch the WBA light heavy crown from heralded Leslie Stewart. But the prologue and epilogue generated almost as many fireworks as the fight itself.

The ex-champion's manager, Florida-based Jimmy Cavo, is hardly a veteran of boxing's "inside track" and seemingly found himself "all dressed up with nowhere to go" in arranging Stewart's first defense. Castoff promoter Jeff Levine reportedly used his contacts from former HBA days to arrange a marriage with Trump Plaza, where the brass is heady with the success of Spinks-Cooney and the impending Tyson-Biggs fight. With a merciless national TV schedule to satisfy, the promotion and the Jersey commission found themselves hard-pressed to meet the state's rigorous licensing demands.

Such scenarios frequently end in fiasco, but this one went well ... for everyone but Cavo and Stewart.

"I was going to do whatever he didn't want me to do," Hill said of his battle plan.

A tall order, but Hill seemed up to it. Starting cautiously, Hill, 173¾, Grand Forks, North Dakota via Las Vegas, back pedaled like he was on skates. Stymied in pursuit, the champion, 174¾, Port of Spain, Trinidad, began to lunge as Hill turned up the pace each round.

In the fatal fourth the emboldened challenger snapped the champion's head back with a whiplash right, severely gashing his left eye. Becoming desperate, Stewart lunged awkwardly with a left-right. Hill darted away, but not before managing an odd, sidearm left hook that drew its power from the champion's forward momentum. Stewart stumbled a few steps and pitched on to his face to the astonishment of many who hadn't even seen the punch.

The champion's predicament turned the challenger from greyhound to pit bull in finest Jekyll and Hyde tradition. Hill was all over Stewart with a torrent of blows until a left hook nearly corkscrewed his head and sent him to the floor again. Stewart struggled to regain his feet, but floundered and fell back down as the bell ended the round. Ref Vinnie Rainone

immediately signaled a TKO.

At the post-fight gathering Cavo put on a performance that was a verbal parallel to Hill's fight. Beginning in "excuse me" fashion, his ire mounted as the realization sunk in that he'd all too soon lost a hard-won championship. The manager ended with an angry blast at the commission on every possible point he could dredge up, but principally for halting the fight before the corner had time to resuscitate the champion.

This drew a stirring rejoiner from commissioner Larry Hazzard, who first admonished Cavo with, "You're not leaving, are you? I want you to hear this."

Hazzard then delivered a vigorous lecture on the rules followed by a reproach for the manager's ingratitude. He felt his staff had gone out of its way to facilitate the quickie promotion. It was the final curtain of a three-act melodrama.

Anthony Logan, 159, Hallandale, Florida, was awarded an undeserved and unpopular split decision over Angel Sindo, 159, Deptford, New Jersey, in a brutal eight. Sindo was nearly gone in the first but kept plugging on in an effort that gave new dimensions to the term durable. By the final round an exhausted Logan was thoroughly beaten and hanging on for his life. Frank Brunette scored for Sindo, 77-75, but Thomas Kaczmarek had the same for Logan, while Rocky Castellani turned in a horrid 79-72! Ref, Joe Cortez.

Pedro "El Bambino, The Beastmaster" Garcia, 140½, Yonkers, fired one perfect right counter to drop and TKO a too enthusiastic Raoul Torres, 141, Cleveland, at 2:08 of the first of a scheduled six. Ref, Joe O'Neil.

Arthur Card, 211¾, Cleveland, outlasted Al Valentine, 204, Erie, who fell from exhaustion for a TKO at 2:24 of the second of a huff-and-puff six. Ref, Cortez.

Promoters: Hank Tyner (S & B Promotions) & Mark Estess (Trump Plaza).

Matchmaker: Mike Acri.

TV: ABC.

Attendance: 500 (est.).

Judges (title fight): Nick Drake, Rogelio Perez & Joaquin Jiminez.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.

Announcer: Mike Buffer.

(9-5-87)

J.R. JOWETT

YUH-BLANCO
WBA Jr. Flyweight Title

INCHON, KOREA—UNBEATEN Myung-Woo Yuh, The WBA junior flyweight champion, kept his crown by flattening Colombian challenger Rodolfo Blanco at 2:18 of the eighth round of a scheduled 15-rounder.

Yuh, at 107½, was a pound heavier but an inch shorter than the 5-6 Blanco, who befuddled the champion early before being caught with the flurry of punches that caused his downfall.

The first two rounds were dominated by the scrappy, 21-year-old challenger as the 23-year-old Yuh, making his fifth title defense since dethroning Joey Olivo, December 8, 1985, was obliged to cover up against Blanco's incessant left. In the third, Yuh moved closer to Blanco to score with solid combinations, and the Korean champion had a clear edge in the fourth.

Yuh continued scoring well in the fifth, staggering Blanco with a well-timed left hook and heavy right hooks to the body. But Blanco traded good jabs and left hooks and annoyed the Korean, who fights with a peekaboo style. One punch brought blood streaming from Yuh's nostrils, and the red ribbon continued until the fatal session.

In the sixth and seventh rounds, the two gamely mixed it up with Yuh, using effective short punches at close range, holding a slight edge.

The next session saw Yuh cut loose with a persistent body bombardment, and the previously aggressive Blanco retreated to escape the punishment to the midsection. Yuh suddenly changed his target from the belly to the face and scored with wicked one-twos. All caught the fading challenger, and a good right followed by a left hook collapsed Blanco flat on the canvas where he remained while Enzo Montero, the Venezuelan referee, tolled the fatal 10.

Before the sudden ending, Yuh led on all cards, Venezuela's Jesus Celis scoring 68-65, Gordon Volkman of the United States seeing it 67-66 and Fritz Werner of the United States carding 70-64.

Yuh, a baby-faced hero, raised his credentials to 25-0 with eight knockouts with one of his most impressive knockouts. But it was one of his toughest bouts as he revealed some defects as Blanco was able to penetrate his peekaboo defense. The dejected challenger impaired to 14-5-1 with six KOs.

Former IBF featherweight champ Min-Keun Oh, 129¾, fell to 16-5 with six kayoes when he lost a technical decision to Yung-Man Chun, 129¼. The scheduled 10-rounder was stopped midway through the sixth, giving Chun, the Korean Commission's 10th-ranked 126-pounder, his 11th victory against two losses.

Wang-Sup Lee, the KBC's second-ranked middleweight, survived an opening assault to sink Bong-Chul Kim, the top contender, with a countering right at 2:55 of the sixth canto of a scheduled 10. Lee is 8-0 with six KOs, while Kim slid to 8-5-1 with seven KOs. Each weighed 161.

Promoter: Sang-Hyun Kim/Dong-A Promotions.

WBA witness: Nick Kerasiotis.

(9-20-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

Colombian challenger Rodolfo Blanco ducks low in an attempt to avoid the attack of unbeaten Korean Myung-Woo Yuh during their bout in Inchon for the WBA junior flyweight title. Yuh retained the belt with a knockout in Round Eight.

PHOTO BY JOE KOIZUMI

CHITALADA-AHN
World Flyweight Title

BANGKOK, THAILAND—SOT Chitalada, the world flyweight champion, displayed his power punching, dropping Korean challenger Rae-Ki Ahn three times before flattening him at 2:50 of the fourth session of a scheduled 12-rounder at the Hua Mark Indoor Stadium.

Making his fifth title defense since dethroning Mexico's Gabriel Bernal in October, 1984, Chitalada turned in one of his best-ever performances in demolishing Ahn.

The 25-year-old Chitalada, 111, created fireworks from the start instead of using his favorite hit-and-run tactics. Ahn, 110, had a reputation as a banger with the right hand and had produced a 22-2-3 record with 12 knockouts. But the Korean was staggered by

Chitalada's combinations and knocked flat by a wicked right uppercut before the first round ended.

Ahn barely beat the count, and Chitalada went all out for the kill, flooring Ahn again with an overhand right. Referee Carlos Padilla did not call it a knockdown, however, instead ruling Ahn had slipped. Chitalada continued his furious assault, but the bell came to Ahn's rescue.

The second round saw Chitalada score with a series of uppercuts that had the crouching Korean backing up. Chitalada's speed was too much for the still nervous Ahn.

Ahn landed a big right early in the third round that sent Chitalada reeling into a corner, but the durable champion fought back and dropped Ahn with a right uppercut. The game Korean took the eight count, then desperately attempted to fight back.

Punching freely and moving smoothly, Chitalada outpunched Ahn over the first two minutes of the fourth round. In the closing seconds, Chitalada exploded a well-timed left hook followed by a short right. Ahn collapsed, prone as Padilla tolled the fatal 10 count.

Chitalada, the 5-2 favorite, said, "People said Ahn packed a dynamite right hand. But I didn't see any speed, nor solid punches in the Korean challenger. I eagerly wanted to knock him out."

Despite a nine-month layoff since his third encounter with Bernal in December, 1986, Chitalada showed improvement. However, the Thai champion's manager, Sombhop Srisomvongse, still criticized Chitalada's victory, saying, "I prefer a more polished fight with his own technique to such a reckless KO victory."

Chitalada usually keeps his guard low, moving to and fro with his vaunted footwork. This night, he stood and fought bravely, showing his new weapon, the lethal uppercut.

The crestfallen loser wept after his lopsided defeat. He had been training in Papa Sarreal's Gym in the Philippines for two weeks prior to entering Thailand and was said to be in the best of shape. Some predicted he would win, but they would have lost big money betting on the Korean.

Chitalada, 13-1-1 with nine KOs, looked unbeatable. He suffered his sole loss to Jung-Koo Chang in his quest for the WBC light flyweight crown in March, 1984. If Chang, with 13 consecutive successful defenses of his title, moves up to the flyweight division, their rematch would be a sensational attraction in the Orient. Chitalada is much better than he was three years ago.

In the semifinal, Tongpetch Chor Waikul, a Thai puncher, won the Asian Boxing Council featherweight title as he stopped Pakistani Afsal Mahmud in the second round of a scheduled 12.
Promoter: Sombhop Srisongvongse.
WBC witness: Frank Quill.
Television: Channel 7 in Thailand.
(9-5-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

CHOI-PENALOSA
IBF Flyweight Title

QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA —In a come-from-behind victory, Korean challenger Chang-Ho Choi connected with a one-two followed by a left hook to knock out IBF flyweight champion Dodie Penalosa at 2:07 of the 11th round of their scheduled 15-round bout.

Some 12,000 partisan fans at Araneta Coliseum watched in gloom as Penalosa made no effort to get up though he held a huge lead on points. Choi was just as stunned as the crowd, jumping for joy with tears streaming down his face after the dramatic victory.

The 24-year-old Penalosa, a Filipino hero who overcame childhood polio to acquire the IBF's junior flyweight title before winning that organization's flyweight crown with a five-round stoppage of Hi-Sup Shin in February, was 20-1-1 with nine KOs going into the bout. The much less experienced Choi, who won the Korean title on the Penalosa-Shin undercard was 12-1-1 with nine knockouts heading in.

Victor and vanquished. New IBF flyweight champ Chang-Ho Choi (left) celebrates his victory while former titleholder Dodie Peñalosa nurses his wounds.

PHOTO BY JOE KOIZUMI

Choi lacked the speed and skill to deal with the sharpshooting Penalosa, who battered him throughout and had his nose bleeding from the fifth round on. Penalosa, at 111 a half-pound lighter than the challenger, started tossing accurate southpaw lefts from the second round on. Choi was so nervous for fear of the champ's vaunted combinations that he couldn't move smoothly and took many punches to the face.

The Korean tried to keep away from the flat-footed Penalosa, but the champion continued scoring with his left and blood began streaming from Choi's nose in the fifth. In the next session, Penalosa opened a gash over the left eyebrow of Choi, who appeared grossly overmatched.

In Round Seven, Choi turned loose his specialty, straight rights, but Penalosa scored well with his own well-timed rights, forcing the Korean back onto his bicycle. Choi was penalized a point in the eighth when a head butt caused Penalosa's left eye to puff. The swollen eye became a factor in the stoppage as it almost closed over the next few frames. Still, Penalosa was setting the pace, staggering Choi repeatedly.

Desperate rights by Choi continually missed the crafty Filipino in the 10th, but Choi suddenly swarmed all over the champion in the 11th, scoring a flurry of punches that had Penalosa backing to the ropes with a cut under the right eyebrow. A good right followed by a sharp left hook had Penalosa kneeling, and he remained in that position as Bruce McTavish, an Australian living in the Philippines, counted him out much to the shock of his fans.

Prior to the knockout, Penalosa was well ahead on the cards of Philippine judge Esmeraldo Medroso, 99-91, and Hawaii's Chuck Williams, who saw it 99-92. However, Korean judge Hwan-Soo Yuh had Choi somehow in front, 97-96.

Penalosa earned $25,625, while the new champion pocketed $7,000.

On the undercard, 19-year-old Luisito Espinosa showed excellent form dropping Dadoy Andjujar in the ninth round on the way to a unanimous 10-round decision win. Luisito, the nephew of former flyweight contender Leo Espinosa, possesses as good a left hand as his uncle and fights like a Filipino Muhammad Ali. He looked much better than his 14-3, four KOs record would indicate.

Promoter: Araneta Coliseum/Wakee Saludo.
(9-5-87)

JOE KOIZUMI

NELSON-VILLASANA
WBC Featherweight Title

LOS ANGELES—AZUMAH NELson retained his WBC featherweight title for the sixth time with a unanimous 12-round decision over No. 1 challenger Marcos Villasana at The Olympic Auditorium.

Nelson, 125½, Accra, Ghana, could only win a majority decision when they met in February of last year. But in this rematch Nelson was clearly superior. Chuck Hassett scored 118-108, Rudy Ortega carded 117-110 and British judge Harry Gibbs saw it 117-111. Referee John Thomas penalized Villasana, 126, Acapulco, two points for numerous low blows.

There were no knockdowns, but Nelson, a chameleon of a fighter who seems to change tactics with every round, was in control after giving away several early rounds. Once Nelson stopped playing around, Villasana's only effective offense consisted of blatantly below-the-belt-hooks. *The Ring* counted at least 20 blows south of the border.

Villasana picked up his first warning for low blows in the second, a round which he won with light, but accurate punches on the incoming Nelson. There were also warnings by Thomas in the third and fourth, but Villasana picked up the fourth with hard work. Nelson, supremely confident, did not protest despite six very low hooks landed by Villasana.

Villasana kept trying in the fifth, but again most of his work was illegal. Referee Thomas told Villasana to keep his punches up before losing his patience and penalizing the challenger for his lowest blow of the fight.

Nelson changed strategy in the sixth, dropping his left arm to his side and asking Villasana to come in and hit him. Nelson, an excellent defensive fighter, swayed to avoid most, and the punches that did score he absorbed without problem. Villasana also seemed to be enjoying the entertaining fight and grinned and talked back to the champion after Nelson landed a flurry of blows.

Villasana drew even on *The Ring's* scorecard after seven as Nelson was still not serious. Nelson boxed and moved up on his toes early, then motioned Villasana in after backing to the ropes. Villasana unloaded a barrage of punches as Nelson covered up. Villasana's effort brought the nearly full house into the fight, but Nelson still seemed capable of gaining control when he was ready.

Nelson picked up the pace in the eighth but still was not dominating. Pressure and an early rally by Villasana in the ninth finally forced Nelson to get serious. Nelson punched his way off the ropes and rocked Villasana with two left hooks.

The challenger opened the 10th with a series of low blows, but Nelson, responding to his corner's urging to throw punches, let go with some damaging combinations. The low blows of the challenger were so frequent in the 11th they couldn't be counted. When a left hook under Nelson's protective cup dropped the champion along the ropes, Thomas finally took a second point away. Villasana was now swinging wildly, his title chance slipping quickly away. Nelson showed his class by scoring with punishing blows that raised large welts on Villasana's already bruised and battered features.

Secure in victory, Nelson got on his toes to jab out the 12th. The crowd didn't like Nelson's tactics, Villasana chasing but unable to land. Nelson then settled down for a big right which underlined his superiority.

The win improved Nelson's record to 26-1 with 19 knockouts, while Villasana fell to 46-6-2 with 39 knockouts.

Mexican fighters had a better fight on the undercard. Oscar Bejines, 130¼, Guadalajara, returned after 13 months inactivity to wear down and stop previously unbeaten Andre Smith, 130½, in 1:47 of the seventh. But he had to overcome some very tough rounds. Finally in seventh, a series of rights wobbled Smith (10-1) and referee Frank Rustich stepped in without protest from Smith's corner.

Mauricio Aceves, 136, Mexico City, also had to weather an early storm before halting former WBA junior lightweight champion Alfredo Layne, 136, Panama City, in 1:59 of the fifth of a scheduled 10. The non-stop attack of Aceves (22-6) took all the fight out of Layne (15-7-1), who had stopped punching back when referee Larry Rozadilla intervened.

Popular Mexican heavyweight Alex Garcia, 214, San Fernando, struggled, but his will to win took him to a unanimous decision over veteran Dwain Bonds, 209, Los Angeles, six. Garcia goes to 6-0,, but with only three opponents stopped. Scoring: Lou Moret 58-56; Gwen Adair 59-56; Hal Rickards 58-56. Rustich, referee.

Felipe Fuentes, 139, Mexico City, TKO'd rugged but outgunned Robert Lewis, 139, Los Angeles, at the end of the sixth of a scheduled 10. Lewis (6-7-3) retired. claiming he couldn't see out of his left eye. Fuentes (13-0-1) was clearly ahead (59-55, 59-55, 58-56) on the scorecards. Moret, referee.

Sulio Sanchez, 146¾, Mexico City, ground out a unanimous decision victory over Los Angeles prelim fighter Daryl Colquit, 147, Los Angeles, eight. Sanchez (9-1) certainly does not have the talent of his brother, the late former featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez. Scoring: Rozadilla 78-75; Rustich 77-75; Rickards 79-74. Moret, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Michael Deluca.

Timekeepers: Ernie Snow & Mike Millsap

Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.

Matchmaker: Obdulio Munoz.

Promoter: Rogelio Robles.
(8-29-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

CHAVEZ-CABRERA
WBC Super Featherweight Title

TIJUANA, MEXICO—JULIO Cesar Chavez had an easy ninth defense of his WBC super featherweight title as he won all 12 rounds from Danilo Cabrera at the Caliente Race Track.

Cabrera, 129, Santiago, Dominican Republic, was floored in the first but, although he was battered throughout, never went down again.

The scoring was academic. There were several 10-8 rounds when Chavez, 129, Culiacan, did all the punching. Jerry Roth of Las Vegas and Terry Smith of Sacramento favored Chavez 120-102. Vince Delgado of Los Angeles had it 120-105. Delgado gave 10-8 rounds in the first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh and 12th. Smith had a two-point edge for Chavez in the first, second, fifth, sixth, eighth and 10th. Cabrera also lost a point for a low blow in the eighth en route to seeing his record slip to 28-6 with 23 knockouts.

Chavez, 54-0 with 46 knockouts, ripped left hooks to the body of the challenger from the opening bell, Cabrera spending most of his time catching on the ropes. Left hands were Chavez' main weapon, but the Mexican's variety of work with both hands was impressive, and it was a right that floored Cabrera.

Cabrera was ready to go from the fourth on, but Chavez was not just an offensive fighter. The big crowd cheered Chavez for his defensive prowess as he slipped or picked off the counterpunches of the Dominican.

Cabrera was hurt to the body in the fifth and fell forward into a clinch after taking a right uppercut and several body punches in the sixth. It seemed only a matter of time, but the tough Dominican managed to stay on his feet in the next few rounds and even punched back in a competitive ninth.

Chavez, always in control, conserved his energy for a fierce attack in the 12th. Cabrera's mouthpiece was sent flying, but he took everything Chavez could dish out.

Cabrera's handlers lifted him up at the finish, ecstatic that he went the full route after being stopped inside the distance in two previous attempts for a featherweight title.

The main event and all prelims were sandwiched between greyhound races . . . two dog races, one fight, etc.

Mexican welterweight champion Jorge Vaca, 149½, Guadalajara, shut out fading Saoul Mamby, 149½, The Bronx, in 10. Vaca (38-5) kept control with clubbing punches which regularly rocked the former junior welterweight titleholder. Mamby (37-19-5) was down in the third and his eyes were nearly closed by the seventh.

Mario "Azabache" Martinez, 132½, Guadalajara, gave and took plenty of punches before stopping Mario Gomez, 132¼, Santa Rosalia, in the 10th and final round. The scoring was close, with Martinez ahead through eight exciting rounds. But in the ninth, Martinez (45-3-2) blasted Gomez (25-8-1) with combinations and when Gomez was wobbled in the 10th the referee waved it over.

Once-beaten southpaw Jesus "Bebe" Gallardo, 160½, Tijuana, destroyed veteran Marcos Geraldo, 160½, Guaymas, who folded for the full count in the second of a scheduled 10. The crowd was not happy with the effort of Geraldo, who fell to 61-25-1.

Unbeaten Mexican prospect Rogelio Juarez, 137¾, Tijuana, went toe-to-toe with California club fighter Derrick Hudson, 138, Bakersfield, and won unanimously, eight. Hudson (7-11-2) lost by scores of 78-75, 80-76 and 79-74. (8-21-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

BASSA-ZAPATA
WBA Flyweight Title

PANAMA CITY—COLOMBIAN Fidel Bassa and Panama's Hilario Zapata went at it again. And again, there was controversy.

In February, Bassa stripped the crown from Zapata, winning a unanimous decision in Colombia. In that bout, Zapata was attacked by ringsiders and after the contest he became a target for the Colombians, who proved quite adept at tossing objects, particularly beer cans.

In the rematch, Zapata had Bassa on his home soil. But he couldn't bring the title back to Panama, managing only a draw, even though his fans did their best to prevent Bassa from returning to Colombia with the crown. Chairs and other objects were tossed by the steamed partisans, and ringsiders were forced to look for protection. Reportedly, 50 people were injured.

The 29-year-old Zapata appeared capable of taking the final judgment from the pens of the judges when he dropped Bassa with a good left in the very first round. Immediately, fans began tossing objects into the ring. But Bassa, showing his strong recuperative powers as he had in his first defense against Ireland's Dave McAuley, bounced back with a vengeance. Though Zapata boxed well and had Bassa missing wildly at times, the champion was the aggressor and landed the bigger punches after his near disaster. (8-15-87)

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DARRIN VAN HORN

By Phill Marder

MILLION DOLLAR BABY?

THUMP. THUMP. THUMP.

The familiar sound echoes across the University of Kentucky campus. This is basketball country. The thump of basketballs being dribbled across hardwood floors serves as a constant reminder. It produces a melody so familiar, so comfortable, that no one really pays it much attention anymore. It's there, but in the background, something akin to athletic Muzak.

Thump. Thump. Thump.

But wait. Over the last year, a new variation to that familiar theme has been played, forcing University of Kentucky students and faculty to take note. The thump still dominates, but it is not necessarily the sound of basketball. More often than not, it is the sound of a heavy bag being pummeled.

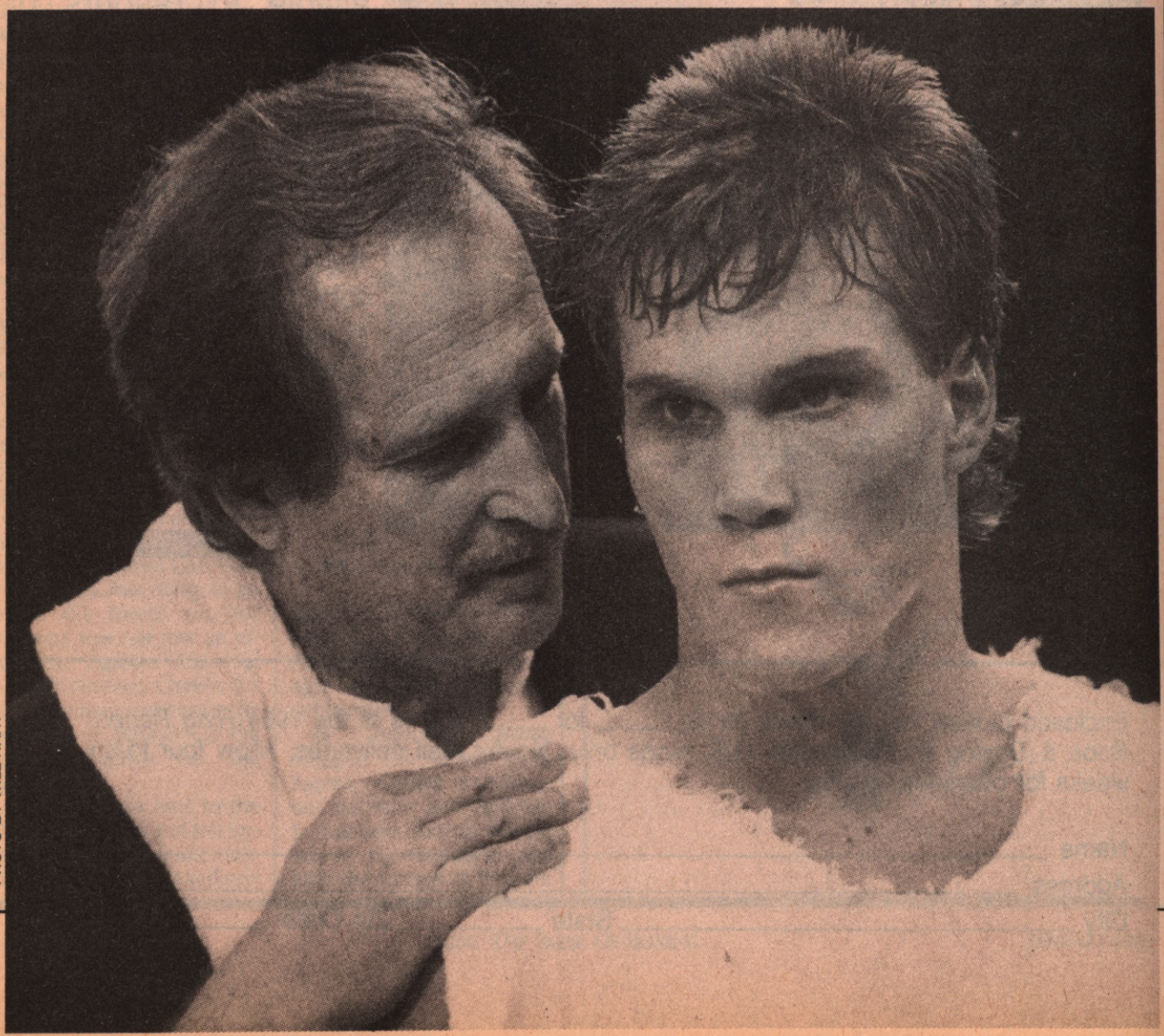
Thump. Thump. Thump.

More often than not, it is the sound of middleweight Darrin Van Horn.

Climbing the University of Kentucky educational ladder, Van Horn barely has his feet off the ground. He's just a sophomore, having recently reached his 19th birthday.

But his thumping has made quite a racket on campus, a noise so loud it

The father and son team of G.L. and Darrin Van Horn.



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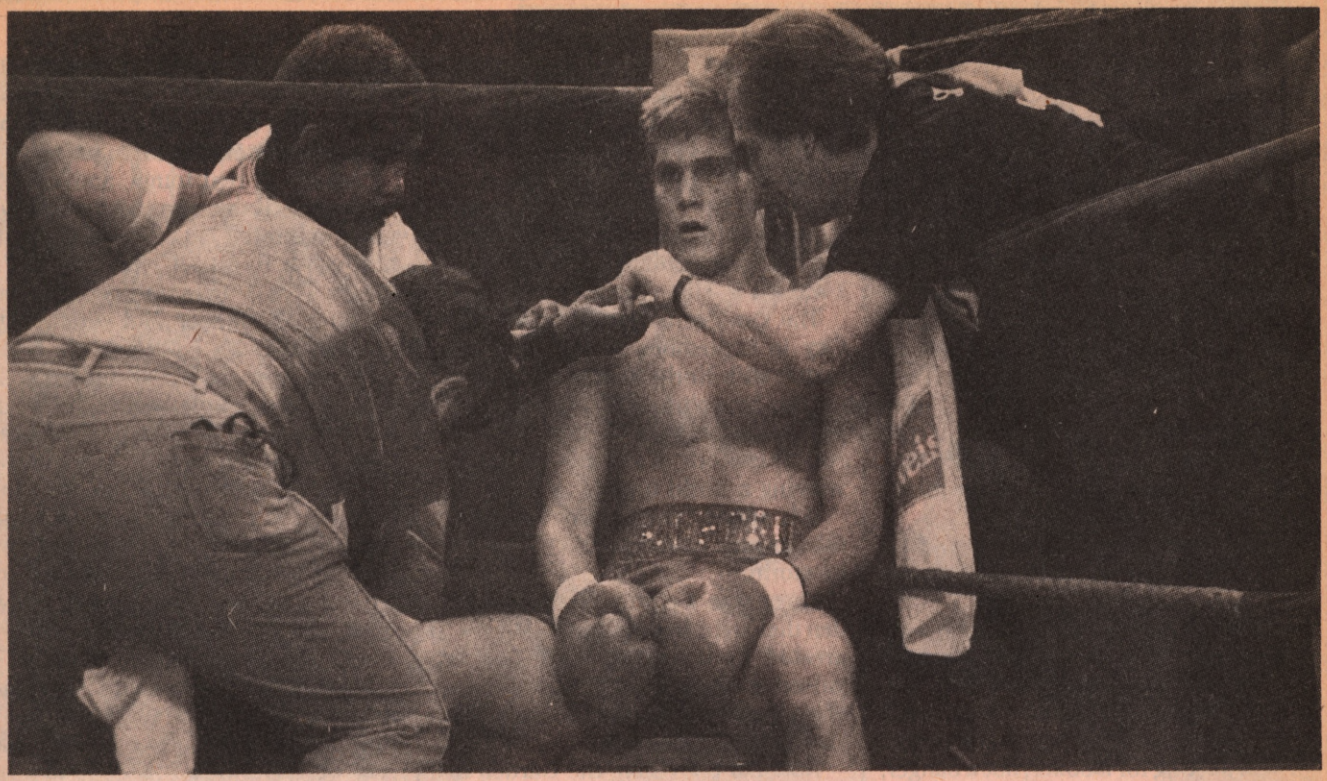

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G.L. Van Horn (far right) gives Darrin a few final words of advice before sending him out to finish the job against Norberto Bueno in undefeated middleweight's New York City debut.

threatens to eclipse that produced by his sharpshooting classmates. Van Horn has a hook, but it is a left hook, not a hook shot. Hew is deadly accurate, but his shots produce thwacks, not swishes. His schedule may be issued by the university, but his real education is taking place in the school of hard knocks. He plies his trade in a boxing ring, not on a basketball court.

Already, Van Horn has had 32 professional fights. He has won them all, 21 by knockout. Two recent victories, decision wins over Elio Diaz and Luis Santana, have been televised nationally from Lexington as the networks were quick to realize Van Horn's unlimited potential.

Van Horn's father/manager, G.L., was banking on this. He knows what he's got. His son is white, bright, polite and—most importantly—he can fight. How good he can fight remains to be seen. But if early results are any indication, G.L. might just have himself boxing's newest "Million Dollar Baby."

No dummy, G.L. also is well aware of what conclusions will be drawn.

"The inference can be taken that he is doing this for his dad," said G.L. "You can't box for nobody. The commitment runs too deep.

"I was associated with Tony Licata, who fought Carlos Monzon, and was working out of a gym in Tampa," continued G.L. "Darrin was just a little kid, but I've got to believe he wanted attention from me. I was busy and I would always push him away.

"He started saying he wanted to fight, but I never would let him. Finally, I put him in the ring to discourage him."

Some discouragement.

"I put him into his first amateur fight in Biloxi, Mississippi," recalled G.L. "He was in with a tough kid. Both were bleeding and sweating. We couldn't decide who should throw in the towel first. Darrin said, 'Please dad, don't let them stop this fight.' He stopped the kid with 15 seconds to go in the last round.

"I took him to the locker room after the fight and told him if he totally sacrificed no one could keep him from winning the title."

Did Darrin understand at the time?

"No, but over the years I kept pounding it into his head," replied G.L.

Darrin agreed with his dad's recollections.

"I always wanted to fight," he said. "I never really got into a lot of trouble, but I always wanted to fight. I started when I was 12, so I've already put in a lot of time. I started fighting in the eighth grade and turned pro when I was 16, a sophomore in high school. Before, if something big had come along I would have thought about quitting boxing, but now I've put in too much time."

Fighting in and around his home town of New Orleans, Darrin quickly began to put together a string of wins. His dad dubbed him "Schoolboy" and kept him busy, fighting his son nearly every other week. Once, he fought with just two days' rest. By the time he began his freshman year at Kentucky, he already had 25 victories with 19 knockouts.

Still. the names on his resume did little to attract a following—even on campus. Then he scored a 10-round decision over Sammy Floyd. Mention Floyd to a university student and the immediate response would probably be Pink. But in boxing circles Floyd, who has been around about as long as Kentucky bluegrass, is known as a genuine opponent, one capable of knocking off a prospect if said prospect's only credentials are a pretty face.

"Schoolboy" had passed his first test.

Two more Lexington-based wins followed. Then came the exam—Elio Diaz, a veteran from Venezuela. Diaz, who turned pro in 1981, had won his first 31 fights, 29 by knockout, to earn a 1984 WBA welterweight title shot against Donald Curry. Curry stopped him in seven rounds and Diaz didn't fight again for 16 months. When he came back, he was stopped in seven by Michael Olajide. But he bounced back to win the Central American and Caribbean super welterweight titles and those two losses remained his only setbacks heading into 1987. In addition, Diaz, though stopped twice, had never been knocked down.

The sudden step up in opposition caught the boxing community by surprise.

"You need to find out," said G.L. "Whether he's my son or not, you have to pass a test. Sammy Floyd is technically a better fighter than Diaz, and I thought we handled him comfortably. I was looking for a boxer, not a banger, and after seeing Diaz work out, I knew his ass was grass."

With a large University following in attendance and a nationally televised audience peering over "Schoolboy's" shoulders, Van Horn set about earning an A+. He boxed when he had to, slugged when he was forced to, and earned a unanimous decision. Van Horn also demonstrated his stamina, dropping Diaz in the final round to cap a whirlwind finish.

The crowd went wild, the TV executives smiled and patted each other on the back, and G.L. cashed the check and began to peruse his growing list of opportunities.

"That was a big step," Darrin said of the victory over Diaz. "We decided to make a move, but we happened to bite off a little more than we wanted. We took a chance and jumped, and I beat him pretty easily. I trained like a dog for that fight. I wasn't concerned. I know if I'm in shape, there's nothing to worry about."

Suddenly, Van Horn was a local celebrity. Two months later, Van Horn was back on the national tube, winning a 10-round decision over the very capable and dangerous Luis Santana. Van Horn was rocked in the fourth round, but came back to dominate the former NABF welterweight champ, again winning a decision over 10 rounds.

The next start saw G.L. make a curious move, dropping Darrin back to an eight-rounder in Lexington.

"That was to keep him active until we came to New York," explained G.L. "You've got to keep him busy."

Van Horn took an eight-round verdict over Greg Taylor, admitting later, "It was hard to get up for after Santana, but we were coming to New York, so I wanted to stay sharp."

The Van Horns blew into New York City in September for a Felt Forum match with Norberto Bueno.

"You haven't fought anywhere until you've fought in the Garden," said Darrin. "This is one of my dreams, this and winning a world title."

G.L. added, "Even if we never win a title, I would like him to take New York by storm."

There was a storm outside the Garden that night, but inside Van Horn was greeted by a multitude of fans disguised as empty seats. Still, he did what was expected, flattening the shopworn Bueno in three rounds.

National television, the Garden and 32 straight opponents had been conquered. But those expecting a title shot announcement were surprised.

"I'd like to see him have 55 fights before he fights for a title," said G.L. "If I'm knocking on the door now with a baby, if I bring a man around, we'll knock it down."

Darrin grimaced.

"I don't think it's going to be that long," said the fighter. "You're looking at another three-four years down the road, and that's way too long."

Yes, by that time Darrin would be all of 22 or 23. Could impatience cause the downfall of another father/son boxing relationship?

"His job is to train," said G.L. bluntly. "That's the total of his input. When he made the decision to box, I told him how he would do it. This isn't a democracy, it's a dictatorship. And I don't think our relationship will ever be tested because he's a tremendous son, just a peach."

And even Darrin admitted, "He hasn't been wrong many times. I'm getting older and more mouthy, but I keep thinking about what got me here."

Already, Cedric Kushner, who took over Darrin's promotion earlier this year, has turned down some tempting offers.

"Darrin has the goods," said Kushner, who also handles Marlon Starling. "We've been offered a couple of title fights, but we've turned them down at the moment for various and sundry reasons."

One offer was to meet WBC super welterweight champion Lupe Aquino.

"Aquino is real tough, and we'd be hard-pressed to make 154 pounds right now," admitted G.L. "The ideal situation is for us to win the title at this weight (154), make one defense, then go after Olajide or McCallum. Right now, we'll kick Olajide's ass.

"Once we make our move, we're going to fight, fight and fight," added G.L. "Winning one part of a title isn't complete. It puts you in the category where you make a little more money, but when you kick everyone's ass, then you're the champion. If we only win one part of a title it'll be only because we lost a try for a second part. I believe in cleaning out the division. Until then, you're just number one, two or three."

Right now, Darrin's education may keep him from pursuing his dream at full tilt, but his father noted, "We'll assess our priorities. If he was to catch fire, then we'd have to sit down and assess what to do. I don't think the mark of success is going to school or getting diplomas. I think the mark of success is doing something better than anyone in the world. I'm very, very, very proud of what he does."

The younger Van Horn, who is studying journalism to prepare for a career as a sports commentator, agreed, saying, "I was in boxing before I started getting the education. I'll do whatever it takes. I box for the notoriety, being known, being popular, having people look up to you."

The $100,000 he has banked already and the Porsche he drives aren't bad incentives, either. But right now, Darrin Van Horn is getting his biggest kick out of being a big, little man on a campus teeming with big, big men.

"I'm getting there," Darrin admitted. "In Kentucky, everything revolves around basketball. But Lexington's a sports community. If you expose them to something, they pick up on it. After a fight, they profiled me on the front page of the school newspaper. Ever since then, they've followed me. Rex Chapman (of the U of K Wildcats) is top dog there, but they wanted to profile us together as the fabulous freshmen.

"If you say on campus, who's Darrin, they'd know."

Even by the thump. □

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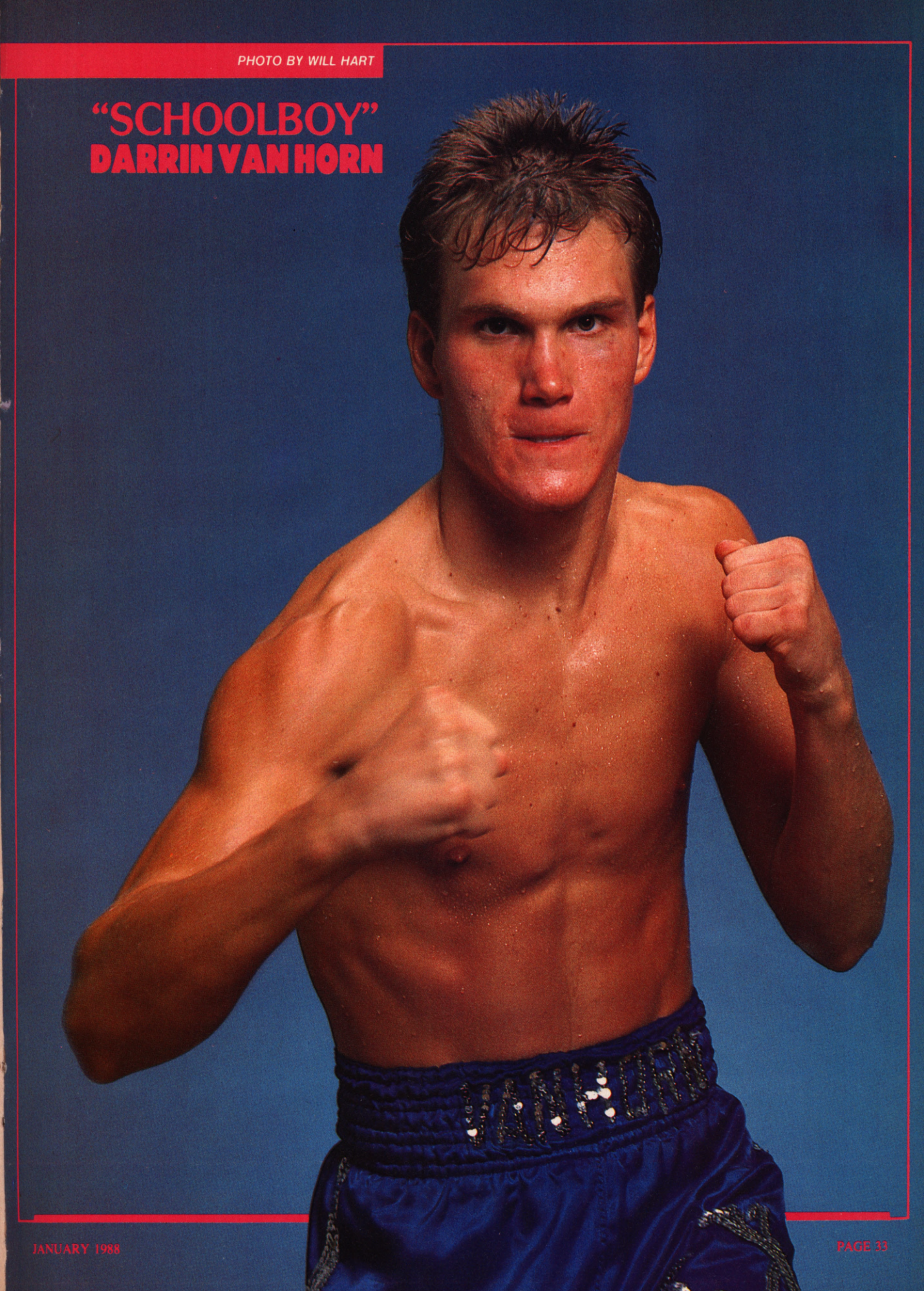
"SCHOOLBOY" DARRIN VAN HORN



The RING RATINGS AS OF OCTOBER 4, 1987

HEAVYWEIGHTS (No Weight Limit) WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Mike Tyson** ..... Catskill, N.Y.
2. **Evander Holyfield** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
3. **Tony Tucker** ..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
4. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Pontiac, Mich.
5. **Tim Witherspoon** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6. **Tyrell Biggs** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Trevor Berbick** ..... Florida
8. **Carl Williams** ..... New York
9. **Adilson Rodrigues** ..... Brazil
10. **Carlos DeLeon** ..... Puerto Rico

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not Over 175 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT
1. **Bobby Czyz** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
2. **Virgil Hill** ..... Grand Forks, N.D.
3. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
5. **Marvin Johnson** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
6. **Dennis Andries** ..... England
7. **Ramzi Hassan** ..... Campo, Cal.
8. **Eddie Davis** ..... New York
9. **Chong-Pal Park** ..... Korea
10. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not Over 160 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT
1. **Marvin Hagler** ..... Brockton, Mass.
2. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada
3. **Mike McCallum** ..... Jamaica
4. **Iran Barkley** ..... New York, N.Y.
5. **Sumbu Kalambay** ..... Italy
6. **Michael Nunn** ..... Sherman Oaks, Cal.
7. **Frank Tate** ..... Houston, Texas
8. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
9. **Herol Graham** ..... England
10. **Juan Roldan** ..... Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS (Not Over 147 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN ..... England
1. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
2. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
3. **Mark Breland** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
5. **Rollin Williams** ..... Phoenix, Az.
6. **Juan Martin Coggi** ..... Argentina
7. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
9. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Tx.
10. **Tomas Molinares** ..... Colombia

LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not Over 135 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT
1. **Edwin Rosario** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Julio Cesar Chavez** ..... Mexico
3. **Vinny Pazienza** ..... Cranston, R.I.
4. **Pernell Whitaker** ..... Norfolk, Va.
5. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
6. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7. **Frankie Randall** ..... Morristown, Tenn.
8. **Greg Haugen** ..... Auburn, Wash.
9. **Amancio Castro** ..... Colombia
10. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Mt. Laurel, N.J.

FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not Over 126 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA ..... Venezuela
1. **Azumah Nelson** ..... Ghana
2. **Steve Cruz** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
3. **Calvin Grove** ..... Coatesville, Pa.
4. **Jeff Fenech** ..... Australia
5. **Louie Espinoza** ..... Phoenix, Az.
6. **Victor Callejas** ..... Puerto Rico
7. **Hector Lopez** ..... Glendale, Cal.
8. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
9. **Antonio Rivera** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Lupe Suarez** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas

BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not Over 118 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT
1. **Miguel Lora** ..... Colombia
2. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
3. **Jesus Rojas** ..... Colombia
4. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
5. **Raul Perez** ..... Mexico
6. **Santos Laciar** ..... Argentina
7. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
8. **Wilfredo Vasquez** ..... Puerto Rico
9. **Frankie Duarte** ..... Venice, California
10. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas

FLYWEIGHTS (Not Over 112 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Fidel Bassa** ..... Colombia
3. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
4. **Hilario Zapata** ..... Panama
5. **Chang-Ho Choi** ..... Korea
6. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
7. **Dodie Penalosa** ..... Philippines
8. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Cal.
9. **Benedicto Murillo** ..... Panama
10. **Duke McKenzie** ..... England

The RING CALENDAR JANUARY 1988

Pernell Whitaker

1 FRIDAY
1915—Battling Levinsky fought two 10-rounders and one 12-rounder in three different locations, all no-decisions.

2 SATURDAY
1964—Pernell Whitaker born Norfolk, Va.

3 SUNDAY
1967—Fighting Harada W15 Joe Medel, retained world bantam title.

4 MONDAY
1982—William "Gorilla" Jones died in Los Angeles.

5 TUESDAY
1985—Francesco Damiani's pro debut, TKO3 Allon Gobe.

6 WEDNESDAY
1910—Kid Chocolate born Cerro, Cuba.

7 THURSDAY
1916—Al Hostak born Minneapolis.

8 FRIDAY
1961—Ismael Laguna's pro debut, KO2 Al Morgan.

9 SATURDAY
1973—Koichi Wajima D15 Miguel de Olivera, retained world jr. middle title.

10 SUNDAY
1954—Rocky Kansas died in Buffalo.

11 MONDAY
1956—Pascual Perez W15 Leo Espinosa, first world title bout held in Argentina.

12 TUESDAY
1963—Pone Kingpetch W15 Fighting Harada, first to regain world fly title.

13 WEDNESDAY
1953—Johnny Risko died in Miami.

14 THURSDAY
1970—Holly Mims died of kidney disease at age 40.

15 FRIDAY
1977—Saensak Muangsurin TKO15 Monroe Brooks, retained WBC super light title.

16 SATURDAY
1973—Joe Bugner W15 Rudy Lubbers, retained European heavy title.

17 SUNDAY
1942—Muhammad Ali born Louisville, Ky.

18 MONDAY
1907—Abe Attell KO8 Harry Baker, retained world feather title.

19 TUESDAY
1983—Roger Mayweather KO8 Samuel Serrano, won world jr. light title.

20 WEDNESDAY
1970—Charley Belanger, former Canadian heavy champ, died.

21 THURSDAY
1938—Jimmy Braddock W10 Tommy Farr (Braddock's last fight).

22 FRIDAY
1960—Paul Pender W15 Ray Robinson, won world middle title.

23 SATURDAY
1967—Emile Griffith W15 Joey Archer, retained middle title.

24 SUNDAY
1982—Eusebio Pedroza W15 Juan LaPorte, retained WBA feather title.

25 MONDAY
1894—James L. Corbett KO3 Charlie Mitchell, retained heavy title.

26 TUESDAY
1946—Don Cockell's pro debut, KO5 Trevor Lowder.

27 WEDNESDAY
1954—Archie Moore W15 Joey Maxim, retained light heavy title.

28 THURSDAY
1935—Barney Ross W10 Frankie Klick, retained world title.

29 FRIDAY
1979—Pipino Cuevas TKO2 Scott Clark, retained WBA welter title.

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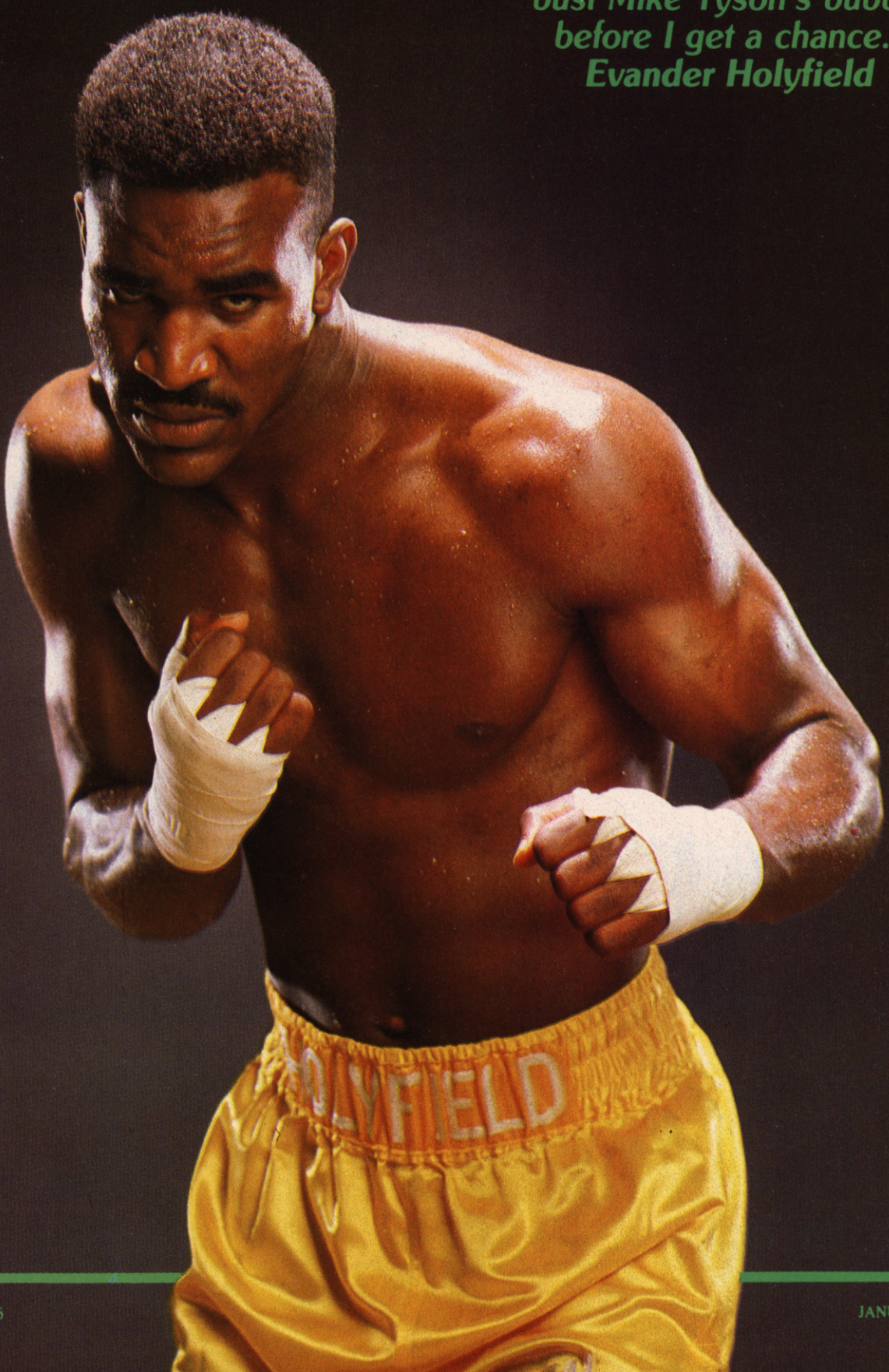


SPECIAL TO THE RING

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH EVANDER HOLYFIELD

by Nigel Collins

It has been said all fighters have flaws and no fighter is unbeatable. But the way Evander Holyfield is looking, he may be the exception to the rule. This guy can flat out fight.

Since he first caught the eye of the American public during the 1984 Olympic Games, Holyfield has looked like a Hall-of-Famer in the making. Though disqualified and forced to settle for a bronze medal at the Los Angeles Games, he was still practically the unanimous pick as the Olympian "most likely to succeed in the pro ranks." It's beginning to look like the experts were right . . . for a change.

Holyfield has more than lived up to expectations, winning the WBA junior heavyweight title in his 12th pro bout and the IBF version of the cruiserweight crown in his 15th. Every opponent from Lionel Byarm in his pro debut to his latest victim (Ossie "Jaws" Ocasio) has not only been soundly beaten, they've been beaten with style. Evander not only gets the job done, he does it with moves which have even the most cynical railbirds and gymrats drooling.

Perhaps the most intriguing thing about Holyfield is his size. A light heavy in the amateurs and for most of his early pro fights, he is now tantalizingly close to forgetting all about this cruiser crap and going for "The Real Deal"—the heavyweight championship of the world.

Already rated No. 2 in the world by The Ring, *Holyfield and current heavyweight champion Michael Spinks are showing the latest generation of boxing fans that you don't necessarily have to be King Kong to own sport's greatest prize.*

During the tail end of the summer, The Ring *caught up with Holyfield at stablemate Tyrell Biggs' training camp in Virginia Beach and asked him some of the questions we figured most readers would like to ask if they were there themselves. Here is that interview:*

THE RING: The next bout for you is a rematch with Dwight Muhammad Qawi. I'm sure you'll agree your first match with him was the toughest of your professional career. Do you expect the rematch to be just as tough?

HOLYFIELD: Qawi was most definitely my toughest fight and the rematch could be tougher. This will either make him or break him. It's his last chance. He'll be motivated because he has to win this one to go on with his career. He'll probably fight even harder.

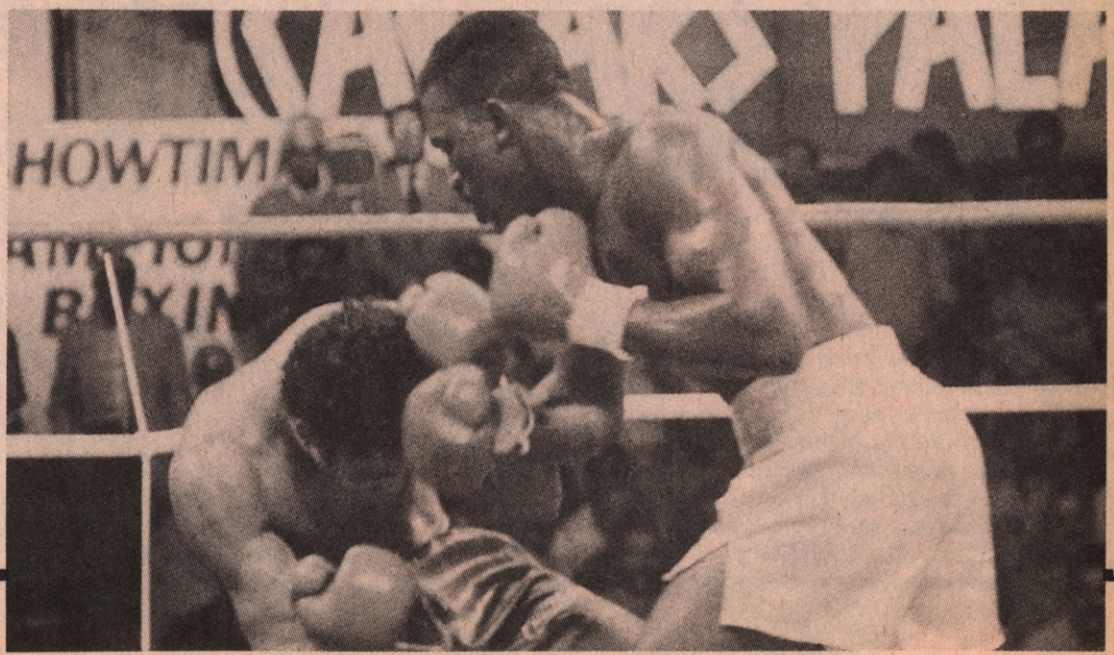
THE RING: Are you a better fighter now than when you fought Qawi the first time?

HOLYFIELD: I think so because that was only my 12th pro fight. I've gained a lot of maturity since then and learned a lot working with (my trainer) George Benton.

THE RING: Do you think you might stop Qawi this time?

HOLYFIELD: I probably could. In the first fight I was a little bit intimidated by going 15 rounds for the first time. I was also really just moving up to the cruiserweight division. I wasn't a solid 195 then. Also, in the first fight I was real cautious as far as going ahead and getting it on. This time, I'll be the champion and I intend to fight like a champion.

THE RING: Let's assume for the moment you are successful in the rematch



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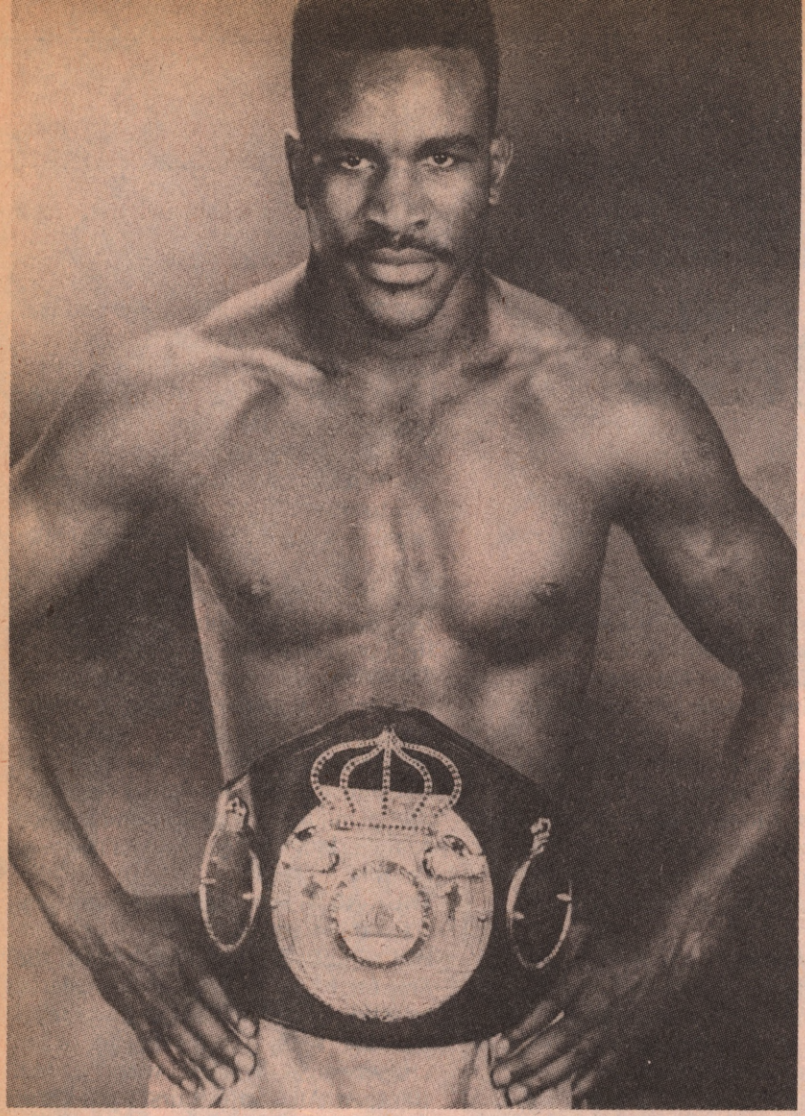
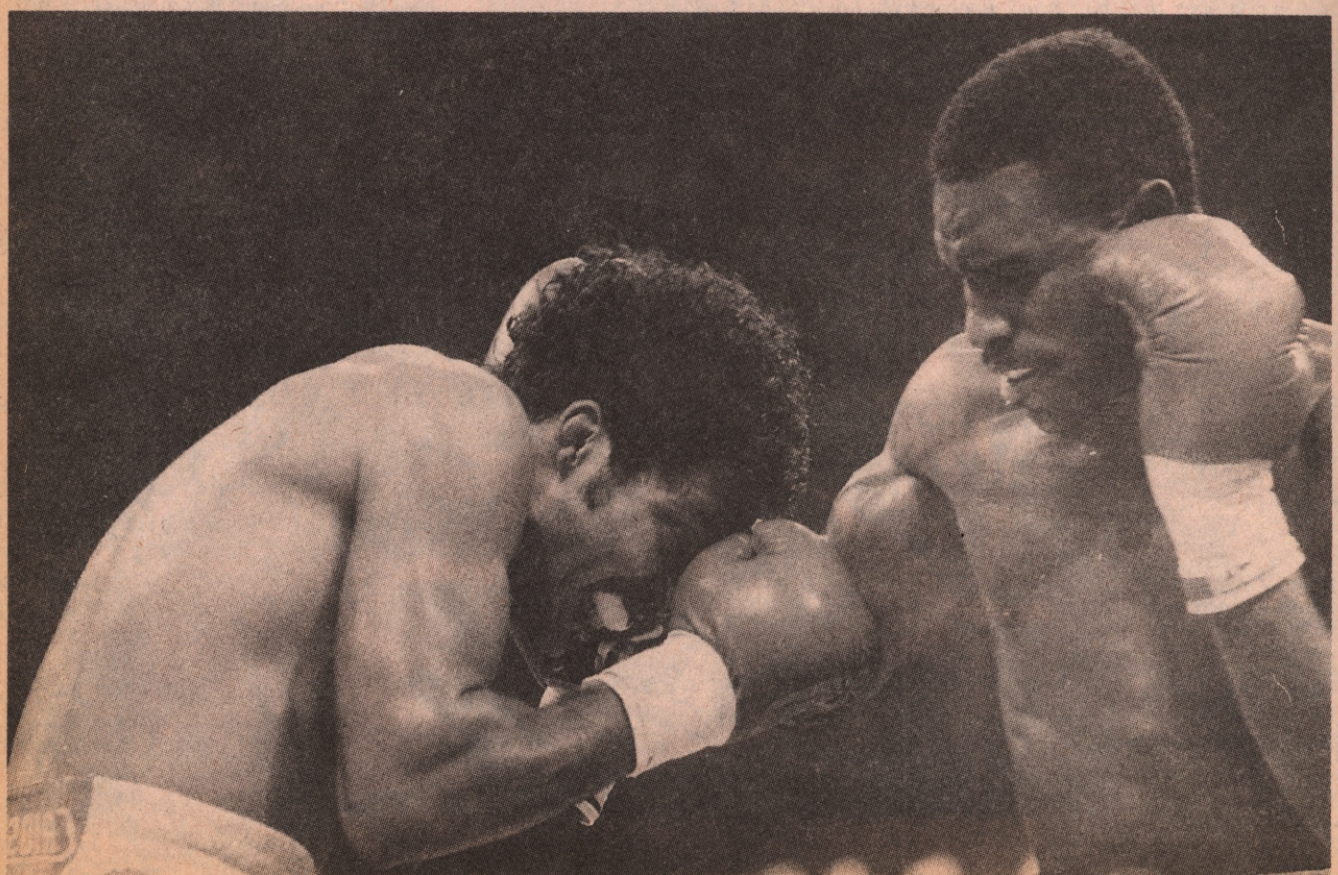
Evander Holyfield bowls over game but outgunned Ricky Parkey en route to winning the IBF cruiserweight title with a third-round TKO.



Evander Holyfield figures he'll soon have a heavyweight belt to go with his collection of cruiserweight trinkets.

Rickey Parkey (right) covers up as Holyfield swarms to the attack.



with Qawi. As you know, *The Ring* does not recognize the cruiserweight division and ranks you No. 2 among the heavyweights. How do you feel about this?

HOLYFIELD: I think it will benefit me when I move up to heavyweight, but I also think having the cruiserweight division has helped me a lot. Moving straight from light heavyweight to heavyweight could be hard on a guy. By having a cruiserweight division it sort of sheltered me while I matured physically and gained more experience.

THE RING: You're aware, of course, that many of the great heavyweights of the past were around your size.

HOLYFIELD: It's a motivating factor knowing I'm a legitimate heavyweight no matter what people say. At my weight I can be a lot quicker than most heavyweights and hit just as hard. As you said, most all of the great heavyweights started at around my weight. Muhammad Ali was only a light heavyweight in the Olympics.

THE RING: Are you impressed by the way Michael Spinks was able to jump from 175 to over 200 pounds and beat some top heavyweights?

HOLYFIELD: Yes, my hat's off to Michael Spinks. Knowing I'm moving up from the same weight and seeing him do it just makes me work even harder. Here's a guy (Spinks) who is actually smaller than me. He fights a little different style than me, but we have the same kind of background. Spinks is a thinking fighter. That's why he can get by a lot of heavyweights. He can out-think them and he's quicker.

THE RING: You've said in the past you want to put on some additional poundage before campaigning as a heavyweight. Would you feel that way if you were going to box a relatively small heavyweight like Spinks?

HOLYFIELD: Fighting Michael Spinks would be different than fighting a lot of the other heavyweights. We've almost got the same build. I wouldn't need any extra weight to fight him for the simple reason he doesn't really use his strength to push people all over the ring. He's the sort of fighter I could fight at 190, 188 pounds because he doesn't use his legs to push opponents back. He would probably try to box me and I feel my boxing ability and quickness would beat him. But to fight a Mike Tyson or a Tim Witherspoon, guys who would really hug me at times, I feel I would need to put on some more weight.

THE RING: Were you surprised how easily Spinks knocked out Gerry Cooney?

HOLYFIELD: Very surprised, not only size-wise, but because Cooney didn't fight the fight a big man should fight against a small man. A big man should take the fight to the smaller one and pressure him. But Cooney tried to outquick the smaller man. And whenever Cooney did get close, Spinks was able to hit him with hard shots.

THE RING: You are a friend and stablemate of Tyrell Biggs. By the time this interview is published, Biggs will have fought Tyson for the combined WBC, WBA and IBF heavyweight titles. If Tyrell wins, would you hesitate to fight him because he's your buddy?

HOLYFIELD: No, I would fight him just like I fought Henry Tillman. I would not deny myself a championship because a guy is my friend. I don't think Ali and Joe Frazier really hated each other. They were just the best two heavyweights of their time. I won't skip a fighter just because he's my friend. I look forward to fighting the best.

THE RING: How does George Benton feel about you fighting heavyweights?

HOLYFIELD: Well, George always tells me I can do it. He knows I'm a good listener and I listen to what he says. But I'm also very creative. I can take what he tells me, add my perspective and then go out and use it my way.

THE RING: Do you enjoy the life of a fighter?

HOLYFIELD: Yes, I do. I enjoy it to the upmost.

THE RING: We have heard a lot lately about fighters' wives, such as Bertha Hagler and Juanita Leonard, wanting their husbands to retire. How does your family feel about you being a boxer?

HOLYFIELD: They feel pretty good about it. Of course, when my wife met me I was already an amateur boxer. She understands that boxing is my life and if they take it away from me I'd probably be a miserable person. It's something I really, really want to do. Boxing is what I've been working at practically all my life. Now is the time I'm living the dreams I've always thought about.

THE RING: Has being a champion been as good as you thought it would be?

HOLYFIELD: I cannot complain. I feel just getting the cruiserweight championship has given me almost as much recognition as being the heavyweight champion.

THE RING: There have been reports in the newspapers to the effect you are unhappy with your relationship with Dan Duva, your promoter. Is this correct?

HOLYFIELD: No, that is not correct. I never actually told anyone I was having problems with the Duvas.

THE RING: The way it came across in the papers was that you felt, as part of such a large stable, you weren't getting the attention or recognition you felt you deserved. Do you really feel that way?

HOLYFIELD: No. When I signed the contract with the Duvas, I knew there was a lot of good talent in the stable. My main motive for signing was to get an opportunity to prove myself. I feel that in time I will get all the recognition I want. I don't look for someone to project my name out there. Just give me a chance to prove myself. Anyway, if I had a problem, I'm not the kind of person who would go through an intermediary. I'd go to my manager.

THE RING: What about your life away from boxing? What is a typical weekend for you and your family?

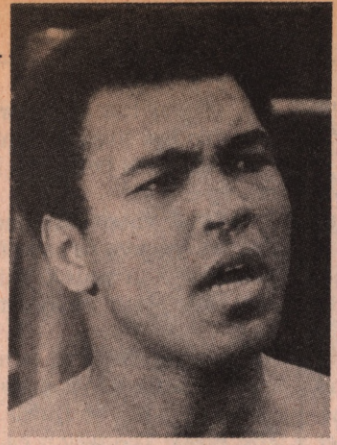
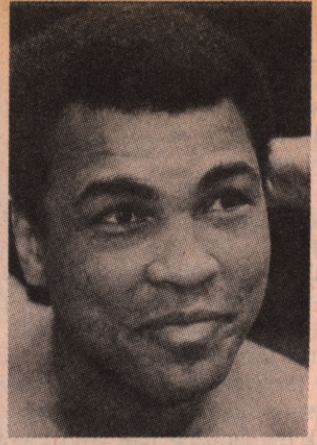
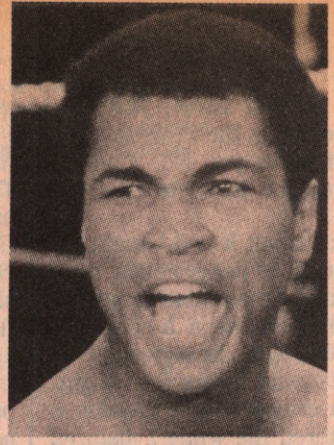
HOLYFIELD: Well, right now it's football season. I'm a Georgia fan. We usually go to the Georgia Bulldogs game on Saturday. On Sundays, we usually check out the Falcons.

THE RING: What about the future? If your upcoming bout with Qawi turns out the way you expect, what is the game plan from then on?

HOLYFIELD: I always take my fights one at a time, but after Qawi, my main thing will be preparing myself to fight as a heavyweight. I was looking forward to fighting Carlos DeLeon for the third part of the cruiserweight title, but I read in the paper he wants to fight Tyson instead.

THE RING: Speaking of Tyson; what is your opinion of him as a fighter?

HOLYFIELD: Tyson has proved that he is rugged and tough. He fights with everything he has. As a fighter with a heart, he shows me a whole lot. However, as far as boxing ability is concerned, he doesn't show me much. But he comes to win. I think he would be a good fight for me because I know my heart would be into the fight. I just hope nobody else don't bust his bubble before I get a chance □

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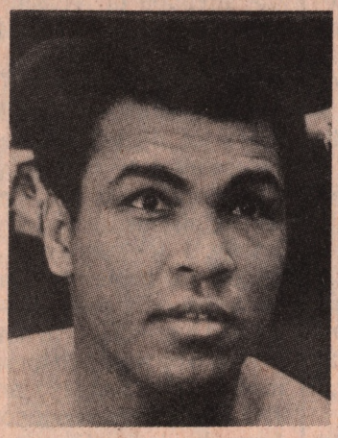
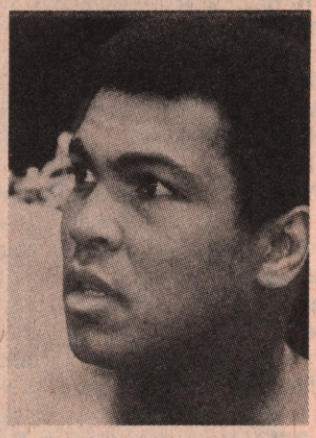

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ASK THE ANSWERMAN

by Phill Marder

Q: My friend is always telling me of a great (?) middleweight during the 60s and 70s. His name is Carlos Marks. Was he good? Did he defeat anyone of significance?

V. BHOOLAN
Ontario, Canada

Retired but not forgotten is Trinidad's Carlos Marks, the subject of reader V. Bhoolan's question for "The Answerman."

A: *Your use of a question mark following the word "great" indicates skepticism concerning your friend's opinion. And certainly, Marks would not be considered a "great" fighter. However, he was a capable opponent for many top middleweights of his day. Marks, from Trinidad, fought 82 times in a career spanning from 1965 to 1981. He won 34, just seven by knockout, lost 39 and had two draws. He was stopped seven times. Marks fought several significant names . . . without much success. Some you may remember: Bunny Grant (L10, L10); Emile Griffith (L12); Bennie Briscoe (KOby5); Billy Douglas (KOby10, L10); Rodrigo Valdez (L10); Tony Mundine (KOby10, L15); Elisha Obed (L10); Willie Monroe (L10, L10); Richie Kates (KOby9); Marvin Johnson (L10); Lotte Mwale (KOby2).*

Q: Can you give me any information on the career of Freddie Steele? I believe Steele was one of the most successful fighters to come out of this part of the country. I'm interested in Steele because my father, Clarence Dirks, wrote a story for your magazine in the 30s or 40s titled "Fists of Steele." I'd really appreciate it if you could find out for me when this story appeared as I'd like to borrow that issue from the library and read it for myself.

MIKE DIRKS
Spokane, Wash.

A: *Steele, born Frederick Earle Steele in Tacoma, Washington, was a highly successful fighter irregardless of geographical considerations. Fighting from 1927 until 1941, Steele compiled a 119-5-8 record with 57 knockouts and one no contest. In 1936, Steele captured the NBA/New York middleweight championship with a 15-round points win over Babe Risko. He defended the crowns five times before being stripped by New York. In his next NBA defense, he lost his crown when knocked out in the first round by Al Hostak in 1938. Having lost his title at the young age of 26, Steele retired, but came back almost three years later only to be stopped by one Jimmy Casino. He never fought again. Steele passed away August 23, 1984, in Aberdeen, Washington at the age of 72. The article "Fists of Steele" by Clarence Dirks appears in the November, 1935 issue of* ***The Ring.*** *Happy hunting!*

Q: What was the professional record of Kevin Rooney, trainer of Mike Tyson? Did he fight as a welterweight or as a junior welterweight? Is it also true that he was knocked out by Alexis Arguello?

BRIAN FLACH
Ravena, N.Y.

A: *Between 1979 and 1982, welterweight Kevin Rooney put together a mark of 19-3 with seven knockouts. He was 15-0 until stopped in seven rounds by Davey Moore in 1981. He bounced back with four straight wins, then met Arguello in Atlantic City, July 31, 1982. Arguello stopped him in two. Rooney tried again four months later, was stopped in seven by Terry Crowley, and quit.*

Q: I would very much appreciate information you may have on a boxer named Al Baltieri. He is my father and fought in the 40s. Please tell me his record and how he fought, hard puncher or what?

MARK BALTIERI
Smithtown, N.Y.

A: *Your dad fought as a welterweight, though a rather short 147-pounder at 5-5, from 1942 to 1946. He was inactive in 1943 due to service in the U.S. Army. I wasn't around to see him fight, but judging from his record it's probably a good thing he didn't beat you up when you were a kid. In 24 bouts, Baltieri won 16, 10 by knockout. He lost eight, three by KO. None of his fights lasted more than four rounds. He scored five one-round knockouts and he was knocked out in the first round twice.*

Q: Whatever became of Ohio fighter Sylvester Wilder? He fought in the 70s and at one time I recall he had a row of 30-plus straight losses.

JAMES J. HELMS
Wisconsin Della, WI

A: *Cleveland heavyweight Sylvester Wilder compiled one of the most astonishing records in the history of boxing. From 1973 to 1981, with a year off in 1977 sandwiched in between, Wilder lost 36 straight fights, 25 by knockout! Overall, he won four bouts, one by disqualification, lost 43, and was stopped 27 times. In his last 15 fights, Wilder was stopped 14 times. After suffering seven straight KO losses, Wilder lasted the distance with Baker Tinsley, then suffered another seven consecutive KO losses before hanging them up. In those last seven fights Wilder never heard the bell for the third round! Some of Wilder's name opponents included: Marvin Johnson (KOby2); Vonzell Johnson (L4); Mike Quarry (KOby5); Scott LeDoux (KOby2); James "Quick" Tillis (KOby3); Bill Douglas (KOby2); Jumbo Cummings (KOby2); Jeff Lampkin (KOby1).* □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

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CALIFORNIA

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Hometown favorite Tony Deluca, 109, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Efren Pinto, 109, Puebla, 10. Deluca (11-1-2) was always too strong for the Mexican. Pinto (22-13) was down in the third and barely survived in the fourth as southpaw Deluca floored him twice and opened a bad gash over his left eye. Scoring: Danny Millsap 98-90; Frank Rustich 99-90; Robert Byrd 100-87. Lou Moret, referee.

More aggressive L.J. Canty, 152, San Diego, unanimously outmauled Eric McNair, 152, San Diego, six. Canty (5-6) has won four in a row. Scoring: Moret 59-55; Fritz Werner 58-56; Millsap 58-56. Byrd, referee.

Ramiro Garcia, 109½, Blythe, gave his usual non-stop effort to win a split decision over Jerome Wilson, 107, Los Angeles, four. Garcia (5-2) was down without a count from a right hand in the first. Scoring: Byrd 40-36 Wilson; Millsap 39-37 Garcia, Moret 39-37 Garcia. Rustich, referee.

Parris Flowers, 205, San Diego, scored a disputed victory over debuting Tony Johnson, 212, San Diego, in 1:35 of the fourth and final round. Flowers (2-2), who had lost every round, floored Johnson for the count while referee Werner was attempting to seperate the tiring heavyweights.

David Smith, 156, Campo, floored awkward Alvin Arnold, 154, Los Angeles, in the first and went on to win a unanimous shutout decision, four. Werner, referee.

Ysaias Zamudio, 113, Blythe, flattened Jose Hernandez, 115, Escondido, with a right hand in 55 seconds of the first of a scheduled four. Referee Byrd counted out Hernandez.

Physicians: Dr. William Lundeen & Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeeper: Mike Millsap.
Announcer: Ernie Swanks.
Matchmaker: Eric Bonilla.
Promoter: Bob Dephilippis.
(8-19-87)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—James Kinchen, 163, San Diego, blew his world rating by losing a technical decision to Larry Musgrove, 162, Los Angeles, at the end of the third of a scheduled 10. Musgrove, ahead on all three judges scorecards (29-27 twice and 29-26), was cut on the right eyelid by an unintentional butt and could not continue. Although Musgrove's victory was inconclusive, Kinchen (38-4-2) had been down in the first and was badly hurt in the third. Musgrove has an unimpressive overall record of 9-7-3, but the former light heavyweight is unbeaten in five middleweight bouts. Vince Delgado, referee.

Mike Hunter, 200, Los Angeles, may be ready to make a move in the heavyweight division after stunningly knocking out Gary Lightbourne, 220, Las Vegas, in 2:12 of the first of a scheduled eight. The normally clowning Hunter (8-1-2) was all business as he twiced floored the usually reliable Lightbourne (12-4). Rudy Jordan, referee.

Robert Lewis, 135¾, Los Angeles, was on the wrong end of a terrible decision when Daniel Garcia, 135, Oxnard, was somehow awarded a one-point six-round verdict on two scorecards. Lewis (6-6-3) lost no more than two rounds. Garcia (8-2-1) won despite losing a point for low blows. The offending judges were Gwen Adair and Raul Caiz (both 57-56), while Jordan scored 59-56 for Lewis. Eddie Rodriguez, referee.

Abe Gomez, 128, Arleta, won his fifth in a row as he unanimously outscored Juan Torres, 128, San Diego, five. Poor Torres (1-9-2) was down in the first and well outpointed, but he always tried. Caiz, referee.

Cliff Jackson, 154½, San Diego, unanimously outpointed Caleb Ramos, 157, Oxnard, four, all three judges scoring 39-37. A rare win for the likeable Jackson (2-7-2). Adair, referee.

Steve Lewis, 139, Sherman Oaks, stopped Armando Centeno, 139, Los Angeles, in 1:07 of the first of a scheduled four. Both were first time pros. Adair intervened after two knockdowns.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Robert Karns.
Timekeeper: John Liechti.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Larry Goossen.
Promoter: Daniel Goossen.
(8-25-87)

▶**IRVINE—MARRIOTT HOTEL**—Genaro Hernandez, 131, Los Angeles, returned after a nine and a half month layoff to impressively win a unanimous 10-round decision over Kenny Wyatt, 130½, Los Angeles. The 21-year-old Hernandez (13-0), a tall and cool boxer who lacks a big punch, was a near shutout winner, but 30-year-old southpaw Wyatt (8-2-1) tried all the way. Scoring: Chuck Hassett 100-90; Dr. James Jen-Kin 99-91; John Thomas 99-92. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Japanese teenage television idol Kengo Fukuda, 126, Tokyo, won a split decision over very game Francisco Jimenez, 123, Los Angeles, six. Several members of the Japanese media were on hand to document the United States debut of talented Fukuda (6-1). Scoring: Thomas 59-57 Fukuda; Hassett 58-57 Jimenez; Jen-Kin 59-56 Fukuda. Rozadilla, referee.

Ruben Proa, 135¾, Chula Vista, was a split winner over Hugo Anguiano, 133¾, five. Both Proa (8-9) and Anguiano (9-8-1) are experienced club fighters trying to regain 10-round status. Scoring: Rozadilla 49-46 Proa, Thomas 49-48 Anguiano; Hassett 49-46 Proa. Jen-Kin, referee.

Milford Kemp, 172, Venice, moved up to light heavyweight and stopped comebacking Jeff McCracken, 172, Las Vegas, on a cut eye at the end of the fourth of a scheduled eight. Kemp (9-3-3) was clearly ahead on *The Ring* scorecard, but McCracken (23-7) was officially ahead 39-37; 39-38; and 38-38. Thomas referee.

Chris McVicker, 177, Fullerton, improved his record to 2-0 with a hard fought four-round decision over Bobby Livesay, 179, Pomona. All three judges scored 39-37. Thomas, referee.

Sal Lujan, 139, Santa Ana, kayoed soft-chinned Roger Carillo, 140, Corona, who was counted out in 33 seconds of the second of a scheduled four. Lujan (3-5) also floored Carillo (1-2-2) in the first. Jen-Kin, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Michael Deluca & Dr. Mario Ficarola.
Timekeeper: Phil Carreon.
Announcer: Danny Valdivia.
Matchmaker: John Cabrera.
Promoter: Don Fraser.
(8-31-87)

▶**INGLEWOOD—The Forum**—Mario Gomez, 127, Nuevo Laredo, was an injury stoppage winner over unlucky Jesus Salud, 122, Waianae, in 2:08 of the fifth of a scheduled 10. Leading 40-36 on all scorecards, Salud (22-2) was forced to retire after a glancing blow by the rallying Gomez (23-8) broke his collarbone. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Olympic trials runner-up David Gutierrez, 147, San Diego, scored the biggest win of his career and advanced in The Forum Welterweight Tournament when he won a unanimous decision over talented Steve Little, 147, Reading, all three officials scoring 95-94. Gutierrez (17-0-1) won all the early rounds. But he was dropped by a right in the seventh and Little (14-7-1) edged the action-packed finishing rounds to make it very close. Dr. James Jen-Kin, referee.

In a difficult fight to score, promising Anthony Pearson, 147, Milwaukee, also made it to the quarterfinals with a 10-round majority win over experienced Darryl Anthony, 147, Florrisant, Missouri. A late flurry by Pearson (12-0-1) gave him a narrow victory, but Anthony (24-6-2) deserved just as much credit in this excellent welterweight bout. Scoring: Hal Rickards 96-96; Rudy Jordan 96-95; Chuck Hassett 96-94. Lou Moret, Referee.

The best fight of the night was a hard fought eight-round unanimous (78-74, 78-75, 77-74) decision for Armando Baeza, 132, Norwalk, over rugged Mano Morua, 132, Los Angeles. Baeza (9-2-1) improves with every fight. Morua (8-4-1) is always in a war. Raul Caiz, referee.

Flyweight prospect Ysaias Zamudio, 112, Blythe, unanimously shut out Rogelio Martinez, 109, Los Angeles, four, and now has four wins. Caiz, referee.

Calvin Meeks, 141¾, Los Angeles, also stretched his unbeaten run to four with a unanimous decision over Joel Gonzalez, 141¾, Los Angeles, four. Moret, referee.

Wild swinger Ramiro Garcia, 110½, Blythe, won a split decision over much bigger, last-minute substitute Luciano Martinez, 119, Los Angeles, four. Scoring: Moret 39-37 Garcia; Hassett 40-36 Martinez; Jen-Kin 39-37 Garcia. Caiz, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Michael Deluca, Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Roger Thill.
Timekeepers: Mike Millsap & John Liechti.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis.
Promoter: Jerry Buss.
(9-3-87)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena**—Juan Jose Estrada, 118, Tijuana, lost his world rating on a disastrous night for Tijuana prospects as he was TKO'd on a closed left eye at the end of seven of a scheduled 10 by 28-year-old club fighter Lucilo Nolasco, 118, Los Angeles. Estrada (30-6) was floored and saved by the bell in the first and both fighters were staggered several times in a thrilling second. Estrada came back to drop Nolasco (8-7-2) in the fourth, but he punched himself out going for the knockout. The 23-year-old Estrada, rated number seven by the WBC and number six by the WBA, took a lot of punishment in the next three rounds before he was pulled out by his corner. Scoring through seven: Robert Byrd 68-63; Vince Delgado 67-64; Larry Rozadilla 67-65. John Thomas, referee.

World-rated Raul (Jibaro) Perez, 118, was the only Tijuana fighter not to lose and he could only manage a technical draw with Edel Geronimo, 118, Los Angeles, when Geronimo (20-6-6) was cut on the right eye by an accidental head clash in 26 seconds of the third of a scheduled 10. The judges had Perez (35-1-1) winning by scores of 20-19, 20-18 and 19-19. Lou Filippo, referee.

California featherweight champion Jesus Poll, 126, Long Beach, had to survive a first-round knockdown and a big right which buckled his knees in the third before winning a 10-round unanimous decision over Antonio (Tanaka) Gonzalez, 126. Poll (13-0-2) had faster hands and better boxing skills, but Tijuana tough-guy Gonzalez, (23-9-2) was always dangerous. Scoring: Filippo 98-92; Thomas 97-94; Delgado 97-92. Byrd, referee.

Juan (Idi Amin) Hernandez, 185, Los Angeles, gained revenge with a unanimous (98-92, 98-92, 99-91) points win over Rocky Valero, 175, Tijuana, 10. Valero (24-5) had clearly outpointed Hernandez (20-5) earlier this year. But tireless aggression by the stocky Hernandez kept the veteran former Mexican heavyweight champion bottled up on the ropes in this return match. Kenny Davis, referee.

Venezuelan welterweight Engels Pedroza, 145, Long Beach, scored his 14th consecutive quick win when he destroyed south of the border favorite Julian Samaha, 145, Tijuana, in 2:40 of the second of a scheduled six. A cut right eye was the official reason, but Samaha (16-2-1) had been down and took a hammering. Delgado, referee.

Vicente Gonzalez, 130, Cudahy, made it a perfect night for the Jimmy Montoya stable (Nolasco, Poll, Hernandez, Pedroza and Gonzalez) by unanimously outpointing Luis Mora, 126, Tijuana, six. Mora (14-2-1) was technically more skilled but could not slow down the stronger, more mature Gonzalez (7-3-2). Scoring: Byrd 60-54; Davis 60-54; Rozadilla 59-56. Delgado, referee.

Physicians: Dr. Bernhart Schwartz & Dr. Michael Deluca.
Timekeepers: Ernie Snow & Willie Arreola.
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Matchmaker: Nacho Huizar.
Promoter: Dean Gettleson.
(9-10-87)

DEAN LOHUIS

FLORIDA

▶**MIAMI BEACH—Carillon Hotel**—In the main event of an abbreviated card, Edward Pollard, 124, Barbados ace featherweight, scored a TKO over Jaime Castellano, 124, Florida City. Two quick knockdowns in the second and Castellano was helpless as the fight was stopped at 2:14 of the round. It was a scheduled eight. Ed "The Pit Bull" is now 10-2.

Up and coming Ivan Gonzales got quite a scare in his bout with Frederico Monjarez, a newcomer form Mexico. Ivan was caught cold in the first and dropped for a nine-count. It looked like an upset in the making. But Ivan came out in the second and destroyed Frederico, scoring a KO at 0:28 of the round. Gonzales is now 13-1. Both weighed 139.

James Johnson, 149, Key Largo, scored a clean KO at 1:19 of the third over Tony Torres, 155, Homestead. Torres was out cold for five minutes, a right to the chin doing the trick.

Milton Bowen, 205, Miami, came tearing out at the opening bell and KO'd Mario Zamarrysa, 215, San Antonio, Texas, with one punch. The time was 0:43 of the first of a scheduled four.

Don Brockington, 122, W. Palm Beach, scored a TKO at 2:59 of the first over Jose Guzman, 128, Cuba. It was a scheduled four.

Promoter: Laura Bonanni.
Matchmaker: Al Bonanni.
Attendance: 850 (est.).
Referees: Eddie Eckert, Harry Brennan & Billy Yohan.
Judges: Mark Conn, Irving Abramson & Rich Beys.
Announcer: Allan Toor.
(8-28-87)

▶**MIAMI—James L. Knight Center**—Roberto Duran continued his comeback efforts with a unanimous 10-round win over Juan Carlos Gimenez, 164, Paraquo. Duran, now a full-fledged middleweight, came in at 162 pounds and upped his record to 82-7-0. Gimenez dropped to 25-4-2.

Duran used an effective left hook to win almost every round. Gimenez hit Duran with several low blows in the fifth but the

Panamanian shrugged it off and kept fighting.

In a 12-rounder Mauricio Rodriguez, 143, Cuba, now a Miamian, rallied in the last three rounds to win a unanimous decision over Orlando Orosco, 143, Venezuela and captured the WBC Continental junior welter title. Rodriguez is 29-2-0.

The much-heralded Jose Ribalta looked out of shape at 233 and fought the same way. He won a close but unanimous 10-round decision over journeyman Steve Zouski, 206, Wisconsin. Jose fought like a bum and was booed throughout for his uninspired performance. He upped his record to 25-2-0 and didn't look much better than Zouski, who dropped to 25-15-0.

Prudencio Cardona, 112½, Colombia, dropped a close 10-round split decision to Luis "Kid" Monzote, 110, Cuba.

In an eight-rounder, Jaime Polo, 126½, Colombia, looked good winning a unanimous decision over Edgar Muniz, 128, Mexico City.

In a scheduled six Milton Bowan, 208, Miami, scored his third KO since turning pro, belting out Luis Quintana, 229, Colombia. Two punches and the fight was over at 39 seconds of the first.

George Payne, 190, Orlando, TKO'd Gary Peters, 196, Miami, at 2:20 of the fourth of a scheduled six.

Referees: Eddie Eckert, Harry Brennan, Juan Aries & Brian Garry.

Promoter: Willy Martinez/Ivette Promotion.

Attendance: 2,500 (est.).

(9-12-87)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▶CHICAGO—Americana Congress—Craig "Gator" Bodzianowski, 200, Tinley Park, stopped journeyman Otis Hardy Bates, 215, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 1:49 of the first round.

Bates, admittedly not in the best shape, came out strong and pinned Bodzianowski to the ropes. But "Gator" moved Bates off him and found the range with a left hook, sending Bates to the canvas. Bates got up only to be victimized by a second left hook/uppercut that caught him flush on the nose and sent him down for the count in the scheduled eight-rounder.

The victory left Bodzianowski 18-1.

Oliver "Atomic Bull" McCall, 224, Chicago, won his 11th straight, stopping overmatched Kim Adams, 205½, Little Rock, at 51 seconds of the second round. McCall, 11-1 and Chicago's best heavyweight prospect since Ernie Terrell, is more than ready to begin his assault on the division.

In the best fight on the card, Kevin Mulvey, 147, Chicago, battled Bingo Dickerson, 151, Indianapolis, to a draw over six rounds. Mulvey was cut badly early in the bout, but his loyal rooters, his cutman and his non-stop, unorthodox attack helped him overcome Dickerson's early lead.

Curtis Strong, 132, Chicago, evened the score with Nate Rush, 130, Chicago, scoring a TKO at 2:17 of Round Three of their scheduled six-rounder. Rush had captured a split decision over Strong in February. A close fight throughout, but Strong's devastating body attack proved the difference.

Jim Valleyfield, 191, Chicago, returned to the ring after a long layoff and blasted out Terrance Cowan, 216, Milwaukee, at 45 seconds of the first round. Valleyfield is 6-0 and will campaign as a light heavyweight.

Anthony Jackson, 154, Milwaukee, outhustled Charles "Ghetto Bomber" O'Neal, 162, Chicago, to win a unanimous four-round decision.

Promoter: Cedric Kushner.

Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.

Referees: Stanley Berg & Nate Morgan

Judges: Tim Adams, James DiVito, Jerry Jakubco & Jim Lebel.

Physicians: Bynum & Danielson.

Timekeeper: Al Tremari.

Announcer: Bill Baker.

Attendance: 641.

(8-30-87)

JEFF CARLSON

IOWA

▶DAVENPORT—Palmer Auditorium—Michael Nunn, *The Ring's* sixth-ranked middleweight, stretched his record to 26-0 with a unanimous 10-round decision over Detroit's Dale Jackson.

The loss dropped Jackson to 17-3-2.

Nunn, a Davenport native fighting out of North Hollywood, California, was a comfortable victor, judge Gary Merritt and referee Lou Moret seeing the bout a shutout, 100-90. Judge Mike Glienna favored Nunn, 98-93.

Jackson had made some remarks before the fight that displeased Nunn.

"I got the war I wanted and I beat up on Dale Jackson," said Nunn. "Now he can go back to the city and tell the boys in the city that Michael Nunn is for real. He called everybody a bunch of dirty farmers and I beat him like a stepchild. Michael Nunn punished him, and that's what I wanted to do."

Jackson complained, "I'm not a fighter who makes excuses, but I think in the first round when he thumbed me in the eye it took all my vision away from me. For six rounds, all I saw was blurry."

However, Jackson did concede, "The man's a hell of a fighter. He outwitted me, he outsmarted me, and I just lost. He was the better man tonight."

Promoter: Ten Goose Boxing.

Attendance: 4,000 (est.).

(9-12-87)

KENTUCKY

▶LEXINGTON—Rhinestone's—There were no unhappy fans as promoters Dr. George and Greg Ginter presented another successful evening of boxing. Unfortunately, undefeated (7-0) heavyweight, Eastern Kentucky University senior and TKE fraternity member, Shawn Evans, who was to have appeared in the eight-round main event of the six-bout card, fell out of his match due to injuries sustained in training. Evans was replaced by (2-2) Tim Hamilton of Birmingham, Alabama, and the bout's length was reduced to four rounds.

Evans was to have fought experienced journeyman opponent Tim Miller in what would have been a major test as the (12-12) Miller has been in against a number of superior fighters. These include former WBC champion James "Bonecrusher" Smith and former WBA champs Mike Weaver and Tony Tubbs.

Despite the fact that Evans was not able to appear, the Hamilton-Miller bout was—judging by the sustained roar of the crowd—the most entertaining of the evening. Serious students of boxing thought considerably less of it.

Out of shape at 225 lbs., Miller looked positively svelte compared to 270-pound behemoth Hamilton.

Miller, who lumbers around the ring, appeared—by comparison with Hamilton—to glide gracefully, and he proceeded to batter Hamilton—who looks more like a Sumo Wrestler than a boxer—from the opening bell. It seemed Hamilton would not survive the first when he caught Miller with a tremendous uppercut. Miller dropped like a log. He barely beat the count, but was able to survive the round.

In the second canto, Miller recovered and beat his man around the ring with tremendous single punches. The word "combination" is not in his vocabulary.

Hamilton was out of gas in the third, but was saved by a standing eight-count. However, in the fourth referee Clarence Nailon properly called off the clumsy clash of butterball brawlers. TKO for Miller at 1:43 of the fourth.

In the other action, classy Richmond, KY, lightweight, Robert Myatt, 134½, saw his record fall to 2-2 as debuting Louisvillian Mike Johns, 135, eked out a split decision in their six-round bout. Both men fought well and showed themselves to good advantage.

In the first bout of the evening, Ashland, KY, middleweight, 159, Don Gwinn, upped his record to 5-2 in defeating now 2-3 Rich Simpson, 161, of Cincinnati. Gwinn dominated the bout by aggression and superior infighting except for the fourth, when he was decked by a hard overhand right. He rose, survived the round, and went on to win a clear-cut unanimous decision.

A pair of debuting middleweights, Nathan Moore, 157, Ashland, KY, and Mustafa Cole, 160 Cincinnati, put on an entertaining show in their four-round bout. Both showed their inexperience, but the taller Cole used his jab to good effect in warding off Moore's awkward lunges and this was the margin of victory. Unanimous decision for Moore.

In the evening's best contest, Terrible Tim Tipton, 135, Shepherdsville, Ky, upped his record to 3-0 in winning a closely contested six-round split decision over Marty Wolfe, 137, Manchester, Ky. Wolfe's record falls to 2-3-1. This was the second meeting for the lightweights and lacked the intensity of their previous four-round brawl, yet both men demonstrated improved boxing skills and provided the fans with an exciting and hard-fought contest.

The walkout bout was a good four-rounder between junior welterweights Efran Brown, 139, Indianapolis, and Javier Rodriguez, 135, Biloxi, Mississippi. Rodriguez appeared the superior boxer but lacked the power to keep off Brown. Brown began to catch his shifty opponent in the third and knocked him down in the fourth. Rodriguez beat the count and fought back gamely before Brown got to him again. Referee Bill Means correctly called it off at 2:46 of the fourth. Brown's record is now 8-2, and Rodriguez's falls to 7-4.

Timekeeper: Chuck Sayer.

Referees: Clarence Nailon Sr. & Bill Means.

Physician: Dr. George Ginter.

Attendance: 450 (est.).

(8-25-87)

JOEL ROITMAN

▶LOUISVILLE—Louisville Gardens—Mike Weaver ended the undefeated string of local heavyweight James Pritchard, stopping Pritchard at 2:30 of the sixth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

Pritchard, 213, Louisville, dominated the action but Weaver, 215, Los Angeles, held the bigger punch and hurt the 26-year-old Pritchard several times before unloading for the finale.

Another scheduled 10-rounder ended early when Detroit's Eric Curry, 208, stopped Fort Worth's Mickey Pryor, 214, at 2:23 of the fifth round.

Ivy Brown, 225, Kansas City, Missouri, captured a unanimous eight-round decision over Aaron Brown, 201, Oklahoma City.

Louisville's Eric Whitfield, 130, made short work of Cincinnati's Steve Brumfield, 134, ending their scheduled six in just 2:04.

Another scheduled six ended fast as Bristol, Tennessee's Wesley Watson, 239, stopped Cincinnati's Raymond Sims at 2:57 of the second.

Bradley Williams, 142, Louisville, ended his scheduled four with Cincinnati's Jerry Strickland, 139, in only 20 seconds.

Terry Davis, 216½, Van Nuys, California, knocked down Columbus, Ohio's Donny Townsend three times in the opening round for an automatic finish at 2:40.

Promoter: Super Boxing, Inc./William H. King.

Referees: Dixon & Cunningham.

Physician: Greathouse.

Judges: Kempf, Mullins & Anderson.

Timekeeper: Sayre.

Knockdown Timekeeper: Peyton.

Announcer: Tong.

(8-24-87)

▶LEXINGTON—Continental Inn—Unbeaten Darrin Van Horn tuned up for his New York City debut and celebrated his 19th birthday with an eight-round unanimous decision win over Greg Taylor of Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Van Horn, who upped his record to 31-0 with 20 knockouts, won easily, forcing Taylor to spend most of the evening blocking punches.

The University of Kentucky sophomore weighed 155 to Taylor's 157.

Bryan Brown, another 19-year-old from Lexington, also was victorious, winning a six-round unanimous nod over Louisville's Aaron Shackles, who put up a good scrap. Brown weighed 130, Shackles, 129.

Louisville's Elton Singleton, 172, and Jasper, Alabama's Tim Daniels, 172, battled to a six-round draw, the cards reading 58-57, Singleton, 59-58, Daniels, and 59-59.

A four-rounder between Worthington, Kentucky's Shawn Spinda and Kirsey, Kentucky's Shawn Simmons also ended in a stalemate, the scoring going 39-39 and 38-38 with one vote for Simmons, 40-37. Each weighed 129.

Another four had Lexington's Jerry Brown, 151, winning a hard-fought unanimous verdict over Louisville's Keith Roberts, 152.

Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing.

Referees: Crisp & O'Brien.

Judges: Sam Floyd, Larry Mullins & Jack Kerns.

Timekeeper: Dan Sullivan.

Physician: Dr. James Ross.

(8-25-87)

▶LOUISVILLE—Fern Valley Holiday Inn—Nashville's Chris Calvin dominated Ben Owens of Memphis before stopping him 20 seconds into the third round of their scheduled eight-rounder.

Calvin weighed 146 to 150½ for Owens.

Fairdale, Kentucky's Joe Mattingly, 205, scored a TKO at 1:25 of the second round of a scheduled six over Davenport, Iowa's Dave Turner, 199.

Five four-rounders completed the card.

Muncie, Indiana's Dean Meadows, 158, stopped Columbia, Kentucky's Mike Taylor, 146½, at 1:30 of the second.

Louisville's Aaron Jones, 144¼, and Evansville, Indiana's Bill Durbin, 146¼, fought to a draw, the scores reading 38-38, 39-39 and 39-37, Jones.

John Morton, 222, Louisville, swarmed all over Nick Acklie, 199, Davenport, Iowa, before stopping him in the second round.

Louisville's Wes Smith, 250, knocked out Rockford Harris, 222, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, at 1:55 of the second.

Mark Brannon, 140½, posted a unanimous decision over Denver's Jim Jones, 129.

Promoter: Eskridge Enterprises.

Referees: Anderson & Dixon.

Judges: Childers, Kempf & Reagan.

Timekeeper: Peyton.

Physician: Greathouse.

(8-28-87)

MICHIGAN

▶DETROIT—Cobo Arena—After two successful outdoor summer shows Kronk/Ringside Productions moved indoors with a seven-bout card that featured a 10-round main event to decide the Michigan junior middleweight championship.

In that contest Mark Stevens of the Kronk stable disappointed his mentors with a lackluster showing against Tony "Dr. Detroit" Montgomery before going down to defeat at 1:06 of the second round.

Montgomery took it to Stevens and surprised him at the opening bell with flying rights. By the time Stevens responded he had already been down once. Montgomery counterpunched effectively as Stevens was forced into playing catch-up. Landing left hooks followed by right crosses, Montgomery cut the right eye of Stevens and forced referee Bobby Watson to call a halt.

The proceedings began with a four-round unanimous decision for light heavyweight Booker T. Word over hapless Carl Williams. Word (12-0-1) put on a face-smashing exhibition, dropping Williams (3-1) in the final stanza.

Middleweight Dorrell Van Horn made his record 3-0 with a four-round unanimous nod over Lonnie Meyers, who was making his pro debut.

Bantamweight Kirk Harris knocked down and pummeled Ryan Fore in the first round, forcing referee Dale Grable to halt action at the end of the initial sesssion.

Middleweight Gary Coats led with his chin and got same plastered by Jack Cheesman, who scored repeatedly with body shots and hooks to the head before putting Coats away with a left hook at 1:15 of the first.

Rising Kronk star Stanley Longstreet raised his record to 10-0 with a knockout of Randy Reedy in only 1:37. Longstreet, a lightweight, almost lifted Reedy off the canvas with a straight shot right on the button.

Promoter: Ringside Productions/Bill Kozerski.

Matchmaker: Tommy Vaca.

Booking Agent: Richard Lindell.

Judges: Chip Acey, Frank Garza & Bill Miley.

Referees: Bobby Watson & Dale Grable.

Announcer: Wally Jackson.

Physicians: Oliver & Sachs.

Timekeepers: Bill Hunter & Bill Hunter Jr.

Attendance: 2,500.

(9-17-87)

▶SAGINAW—Saginaw Civic Arena—If the case of Darryl Spain was not so tragic, one might come away thinking this card was purposely presented as a comedy of errors.

The timekeepers swilled beer and munched pizza while using a stopwatch that apparently worked in random fashion allowing rounds to swing from a half-minute short to almost four minutes, according to this reporter's watch. The programs listed phantom names, weights and records. Spectators rushed the corners during rest periods. The announcer shouted encouragement and exhorted the fans to cheer the local favorite. The round card girls kept dancing through the first seconds of new rounds. Former boxer Murray Sutherland announced wrong names, wrong scores, but right birthdays from center ring.

All in all, it was somewhat difficult to distinguish the demarcation line between the Toughman Contest carnival shows and the bona fide boxing promotions promoter Art Dore is associated with.

In this atmosphere a boxing card was born. Fortunately, no boxers died, though ringsiders held their breath when Spain was flattened in the third round by Charlie Hollis.

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Hollis hit Spain, the Michigan middleweight champion, with such force that it lifted Spain off his feet. Upon crashing to the canvas, Spain's head produced a sickening thud. He was unconscious for almost two minutes while ringside physician Wendell B. Harris and referee Spence Carpenter tried to revive him.

Spain had been dropped in each of the first two rounds and the beating he continued to receive was exacerbated by rounds that ran 20 and 25 seconds long, respectively. Texan Hollis carries a perfect 8-0 record back to the Lone Star state, while Spain dropped to 13-11.

The centerpiece of the evening was a real test for local hero Billy Young, who met a tough competitor in 13-1 Tom Hanks. Young's speed and lateral movement kept him apace of the fireplug Hanks, who did his best work inside. Counterpunching and combinations yielded a second-round knockdown for Young, but it didn't deter Hanks, who just kept coming. Young took a unanimous decision in the lightweight encounter to stay perfect at 17-0.

The opener had lightweights Kenny Washington and Mark Andreske go at it in wild fashion until the "Polish Prince" stopped Washington with a right hand at 1:15 (?) of the second to leave Washington 0-2.

Junior welterweights Karl Hines and Tim Young provided the fans with some real action and skill, Hines emerging with a split decision victory. Judge Bill Miley carded 38-37 and 39-37, respectively. *The Ring* scored a draw. Hines is 4-2, Young, 1-2.

George Brown knocked down Anthony Jackson twice to end their bout midway through the opening round.

Lightweight Tony Elgas made his pro debut a quick one, flattening Gerald Rideout with several straight lefts on the button before the first round had ended. Rideout drops to 1-3.

Promoter: Art Dore.
Matchmaker: Lindy Lindell.
Commissioner: C. Harry Haranda.
Referees: Hugh Smithers & Spence Carpenter.
Attendance: 2,387.
(9-18-87)

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

MINNESOTA

▶**MOUNDS VIEW—Bel Rae Ballroom**—Dan Schommer, the unbeaten Coon Rapids middleweight, continued his streak by stopping overmatched L.C. Robinson of St. Louis. The end came in the fourth round when the fight was stopped due to an injury to Robinson's right hand. Robinson did try to make a fight of it as he attempted to force the action, but Schommer found him easy to tag with solid combinations. Schommer is now 12-0-0 (nine KOs), while Robinson is a reported 7-3.

One of the country's best prospects, welterweight Anthony Pearson of Milwaukee, remained unbeaten as he stopped a fellow Milwaukee fighter, Walter (Raheim Muhammad) Cowans in the fourth round.

Richie Albrecht, Coon Rapids lightweight (4-0-0), stopped Eddie Meeks of Milwaukee in the first round.

Don Kummala Anoka, (3-0-1) stopped Gerald Rydeaut of Milwaukee in the second round of a lightweight match.

Attendance: 350.
(8-25-87)

▶**MOUNDS VIEW—Bel Rae Ballroom**—Many of the fans here felt that Coon Rapids middleweight Dan Schommer might be overmatched when he met the tough and much more experienced Cecil Pettigrew of Tulsa, OK, but such was not the case. It proved to be Schommer's toughest fight alright, but also his biggest win as he stopped Pettigrew at 1:36 of the ninth round to run his record to 11-0-0. Pettigrew forced the action most of the way but it was Schommer's solid punches, especially to the body, that forced the referee to call a halt in the ninth.

Don Kummala, Anoka, (2-0-1), won a second-round knockout over Sherman Dixon of Milwaukee in a lightweight match.

Richie Albrecht, Coon Rapids, (3-0-0), scored a unanimous four-round verdict over Arvell Campbell of Milwaukee in a lightweight go.

Heavyweight Jay Nelson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, knocked out the oft-beaten Stan Johnson of Milwaukee in the first round.

Attendance: 850.
(7-28-87)

▶**ST. PAUL—Prom Expo Center**—Middleweight "Irish" Don Morgan of Richfield blazed upon the local scene in rousing fashion by winning a six-round verdict over veteran Scott Papasadora of Minneapolis. The aggressive Morgan won in convincing fashion with a solid left jab and body punches that kept the southpaw Papasadora off balance to the point where he couldn't get untracked. Papasadora suffered a cut on his nose in the second that bled the rest of the fight, but the gutsy Scott did not give up and came back to win the next round, landing some thunderous punches. Morgan, 161¼, improved his record to 3-0-0, but he looks much more experienced. Papasadora, 161¾, in his first fight of the year, slipped to 14-4-1.

In a wild heavyweight semifinal, Rocky McCaleb of Rochester won at 1:42 of the sixth round when Michael Kidd of Minneapolis was disqualified for flagrant head butting. The fight was fairly close up until that time. It appeared as though the two would go after each other after referee Leroy Benson disqualified Kidd. McCaleb is 14-1-3, Kidd 1-1-2.

Jerry Cody, 154, LaCross, Wisc., (3-2-0) stopped pro-debuting Lamont Rollins, 154, St. Paul, in the fourth round.

John Capouch, 185, St. Paul, and Willie Mayberry, 180, Duluth, engaged in a four-round no-decision bout. Capouch had the edge in this one.

Gilbert Mitchell, 131, Minneapolis, and Calvin Williams, 130, Minneapolis, also were in a four-round no-decision fight. Mitchell would have been a clear winner.

Promoter: Todd Webb & Gordy Awsumb.
Matchmaker: Todd Webb.
Attendance: 500(est.).
(9-10-87)

GEORGE D. BLAIR

NEVADA

▶**RENO—Eldorado Hotel/Casino**—Carson City light heavyweight Nicky Walker reversed a previous loss by stopping Yakima, Washington's Charles "Machine Gun" Carter in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Walker had lost a 10-round decision to Carter in May, 1984. Walker was the aggressor from the first bell, but really had to step up the action after the first three minutes had concluded. At the end of the opening session, the two collided heads and Walker emerged with a bad cut on his left eyebrow. Referee Mills Lane immediately stopped the action and called upon ringside physician Ed Dehne for an inspection. Dehne permitted Walker to continue.

Walker, sensing each round could be his last, stepped up the pace even more in Round Two, finally dropping Carter with a right to the jaw as the session drew to a close. Again in the third, Walker pummeled Carter to the body and head, decking him for the second time with a left hook to the body. Carter barely beat the count.

Carter was dropped again as the fourth round drew to a close and when Carter was trapped in his own corner with Walker pounding away, Lane intervened, ending the bout at 2:44 of the fifth.

"I waited a long time for this win after I lost to him," said Walker, who upped his record to 33-2-2. Walker's only other loss came to Noe Ramirez in 1983. He reversed that defeat later the same year. Campbell dropped to 19-7.

"I am so glad my corner was able to control the cut," said Walker, giving credit to Ted Walker and Gary Sullenger. "I couldn't have won without them."

San Jose, California welterweight Larry Benson wasn't as fortunate as his scheduled 10 with Sunnyside, Washington's Mario Rodriguez was stopped 56 seconds into the last round after a ninth-round left hook by Rodriguez cut Benson's eye. It didn't matter much as Rodriguez had built a sizeable lead by that juncture.

Reno welterweight Willie Montana stopped Las Cruces, New Mexico's Ronnie Villa at 2:36 of the seventh of a scheduled eight. Villa gave Montana a good scrap until the sixth when he tired and Montana scored well. When Montana trapped Villa in his own corner and pounded away in the next session, Lane stepped in.

The remainder of the card consisted of bouts scheduled for four rounds.

Reno welterweight Darrell Hayes made a successful pro debut, winning every round against Lovelock's Miguel Banuelos.

Reno's T.C. "Cadillac" Merrill floored Alamogordo, New Mexico's Sheldon Compton with a left hook, then put him down for good with another left hook to end their welterweight match in just 1:12.

The card opener saw Reno's Joe Saldana and New Mexico's Lorenzo Siez fight to a draw.

Promoter: Bobby Stroup.
Matchmaker: Jess Lopez.
Referees: Mills Lane, Norm Budden & Vic Drakulich.
(9-4-87)

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Hotel-Casino**—John Wesley Meekins, 141, NYC, uncoiled a lethal left hook which landed flush on the jaw of Howard Stewart, 141¾, Philadelphia. The punch came with startling quickness, explosively ending a superlative see-saw battle. The kayo win for Meekins came 2:34 into the ninth when Stewart failed to beat the count of referee Steve Smoger. It had been scheduled for 10.

After an uneventful first, the rumble began in earnest in Round Two. Stewart took it into the trenches and when the smoke cleared at the bell, Meekins emerged with a bad gash over his right eye. The wound continued to bleed, to one degree or another, throughout the bout.

The cut definitely bothered him. Afterwards Meekins said, "I had to erase it out of my mind. Between rounds I would lay back and absorb all the energy I could. I was able to steal a few rounds by boxing."

Those few rounds did not come easy. Howard swept the second on all three scorecards, and took a 2-1 voting edge in the third and fourth.

If Meekins did steal a few rounds, they came more from his power pack rather than any skill as a boxer. He dominated the fifth with a surge which garnered a 10-8 score from judge Al DeVito. They fought on even terms in the sixth and most of the seventh until Meekins' punches had Stewart shaken up again.

Round Eight saw both come out on rather unsteady legs, but Stewart pulled himself together long enough to put together a fine mix of styles to sweep the round; his first since Round Two. The cut on Meekins was worse and the match was still very much up for grabs.

Going into the ninth, judge Tommy Kaczmarek had it 77-76, Meekins. Judge DeVito's card read 77-74, Stewart. Judge Richard F. Murry had it 76-76. *The Ring* card totaled 77-76 for Stewart. Meekins raised his record to 16-1-2 with 13 KOs, while Stewart fell to 14-3-2 with four KOs.

In the featured prelim, a properly prepared Tony Martin, 146, Phila., upped his record to 14-1 with three KOs, winning an eight-round unanimous decision over Joey "Bugsey" Ferrell, (12-5-2 with six KOs) 148, Franklinville, NJ. While neither is a heavy hitter, the bout featured some particularly spirited exchanges in rounds two through five.

At the half-way point it was a toss-up, but Martin forged ahead using his legs and quicker hands to finish clearly in front. It appeared Ferrell just wasn't ready, or able, to push the pedal to the metal . . . Martin was. Scores: Kaczmarek, 79-74, while *The Ring* agreed with both DeVito and Murry, who had it 78-75. Referee was Rudy Battle.

In a scheduled four, switch-hitting Derrick "Too Sweet" Rolan, 148¾, Elizabeth, NJ, won by a TKO at 2:13 of the third over Chris Royal, 147, Queens, NY. Rolan was just too aggressive for Royal, who did not possess the punch to keep Rolan at bay.

Royal took a fearful pounding in the first. He suffered one knockdown and a standing eight from referee Battle in the second before being rescued in the third. Each boxer was making his pro debut.

In a scheduled four, Tim Gates, 212¼, Pleasantville, NJ, made short work of Tim Tsopedinis, 215¾, Stamford, Ct., when he KO'd Tsopedinis at 2:53 of Round One. A single right hand dropped Tsopedinis for the full count. Ref: Smoger.

Kevin Pompay, 147, Albany, NY, went to 4-0 with one KO, winning a four-round unanimous decision over slender Jeff Neeley, 144½, Youngstown, Ohio. Ref; Battle

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter: Top Rank.
TV: ESPN.
(9-18-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Two bantam warriors who'd been less than impressive in previous area showings pleasantly surprised fans with a tight, tense and fast-paced match. Both relied on skill and strategy over physical heroics, with Jimmy Navarro, 119, Miami, emerging after 10 with a close, deserved split decision over David Gauvin, 117¾, Fall River, Mass., via Houston. But it nearly ended in a quick blowout as Gauvin jolted the advancing Navarro with a lightning left hook in the second. The Texan has been attempting to develop his boxing skills . . . not a bad idea . . . but couldn't find the trigger in the confusion. David's loss turned out to be the public's gain as Navarro escaped and the bout developed into a gem.

Gauvin spent the whole fight on his bicycle, showed good legwork and no fatigue, but had trouble putting punches together off of his own movement. There were a lot of close rounds, with David executing a few well-placed counters, but the dogged pursuit of Navarro dictating the terms. A cut on the bridge of the nose, suffered in the fifth, further interfered with Gauvin's attention to detail.

Another opportunity was missed in the seventh. Gauvin was in retreat following a ripping right uppercut when Navarro found him cornered and got just a bit careless. Once again, a flashing left hook counter sent Jimmy reeling, with only the bottom rope keeping his seat off the floor. But as before, David was unable to find the handle. A surge in the final two rounds tilted a virtual deadlock to Navarro. Gauvin was still lively, but was forced into fighting back after the confident Navarro placed his shots effectively. Eva Shain still had the Texan ahead, 96-94, but Joe Pasquale voted 95-94, and John Stewart 97-94, for Jimmy. The loss was Gauvin's first after 18 wins, while Navarro went to 19-1. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

In a battle of southpaws, tricky Daryl Lattimore, 149, Wash., DC, had too many moves for brawler Jesus Velez, 149¼, Newark. Velez put up a tough fight, but wore himself out, getting hurt in the fifth and suffering a flash knockdown in the sixth and final round to drop a unanimous decision. Ref, Tony Perez.

James "Secret Weapon" Johnson, 151½, Key Largo, FL, lived up to his nickname in a scheduled six against Floyd Weaver, 152¾, Diamond Bar, Cal., via Paterson. James was down in the second and on his way out in the third when a desperation right nailed, and hurt, Floyd just before the bell. Johnson came right back with the same punch to open the fourth, flooring Weaver for a TKO at 0:28. Ref, Cappuccino.

In a see-saw thriller, Troy Weaver, 163, Diamond Bar/Paterson, had to come off the mat to take out slugger Rick Dabney, 165¼, Pleasantville, with a sweeping left hook, all at 2:07 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Perez.

Promoter: Josephine Abercrombie & Stan Hoffman (HBA Inc.).
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
TV: Bud Sports.
Attendance: 400 (est.).
Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(9-18-87)

▶E. RUTHERFORD—Sheraton—With the comeback of Mark Medal thwarted by a gym injury, retread Robert Rucker, elevated to the main event, took advantage with a vengeance! Rucker, 146, Harlem, looked more rejuvenated than revived as he handed a ferocious beating to no bum Mike Goudeau, 144½, Chicago, in a scheduled 10. Goudeau was rocked at the very start, bloodied up, and was beaten alive when a beltline left doubled him over in a corner in the fourth. Ref Randy Neumann administered a standing eight, then halted the mugging at 2:58. Rucker improved his mark to 31-2.

Ismael Negron, 161, Ponce, PR, normally a flat-footed slugger, astonished shifty Hector Rosario, 165, Bronx, into defeat after three of a scheduled eight. Negron outboxed Hector, suckering him in, then nailing him with counters to floor the house fighter in the second and puff his right eye. Rosario retired in his corner, claiming an injured hand, but appeared to be looking for a way out. Ref, Neumann.

Greg Everett, 172½, Newark, won a unanimous decision over William Morris, 184, Phila., in a bruising eight. Everett was a bit too strong and hard-hitting for the slap-and-spin Morris, but Willie hung tough and made Greg work for every grueling round. Phil Newman scored 78-75, Ron Burns 80-73, and William Kostrub 80-72. Ref, Vinnie Rainone.

Robert Obey, 181½, Charleston, WV, upset the comeback plans of Richard Roy, 183¼, Sparta, NJ, with a numbing KO at 0:28 of the second, scheduled four. The awkwardly effective Obey caught the lunging Roy with an afterthought of a right counter, sending him crashing onto his back. Ref, Rainone.

Curt Exum, 146, N. Bergen, banged out a unanimous win over Ernie Orr, 146½, Akron, in a crude, but rugged four. Ref, Rainone.

Jimmy "The Corona Bull" Darpa, 149½, Bronx, was lucky to escape with a majority draw against Francis Kane 152½, Paris, in a lively, but untidy four. Kane began timing The Bull's charges in the third and could conceivably have won on Jersey's "liberalized" scoring. He did get Ron Burns' vote, 39-38. Ref, Neumann.

All semblance of proper scoring broke down when Dudley Hart, 159, Bronx, was awarded a majority decision over Steve Bankhead, 152, Chi., in a streetfight four. A flukey knockdown in the fourth probably cost the reckless Bankhead the fight as Burns and Kostrub held him up at 38-37, while Newman drove the getaway car with 38-all. Ref, Neumann.

Promoter: Jim Wiley (Mustapha Corp. Promotions).
Matchmaker: Mike Acri.
TV: Riverview Cable.
Attendance: 400, $12,000 (est.).
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer: Frank Shain
(9-25-87)

▶ATLANTIC CITY—Bally's Park Place Hotel Casino—A frequently asked question around area rings of late has been, "Can Tony Thornton really fight?" After promoter Russell Peltz put his hot young prospect out on "loan" to Top Rank, the answer could just as well be argued either way.

Thornton, 162½, Glassboro, NJ, ended up with a controversial and unsatisfactory majority draw against veteran spoiler Stacy McSwain, 162¾, Forest City, NC, following a bitterly fought 10. It was a withering and often frustrating battle that defies analysis. Thornton landed the quality punches, jolting McSwain on a number of occasions. But Stacy did what only one of Tony's previous opponents had ever done . . . refused to fall. Instead, he frequently scrambled right back into the action and caused Tony's momentary advantages to evaporate into confusion. The two fought after the bell several times as if determined to nail down a decisive round, for once.

In the sixth, Thornton fought well off the ropes to chill a McSwain rally with a jolting left hook. A round later, Stacy maneuvered Tony into the same position, reached him with a long right, but was nailed by a right counter as Thornton sprung off the ropes and sent him skidding onto the seat of his trunks. The bell came to McSwain's rescue before the bomber could finish the job, and Stacy was able to smother Thornton's followup efforts in the eighth. Thornton's last chance came in a thrilling 10th as the battle roared to a finish. McSwain was in trouble and had to scramble to the final bell as if stumbling through a mine field. As is often the case, the judges had as much to do with the outcome as the fighters, but their performance was hardly main event. Thornton's more effective punching appeared to deserve the nod despite Stacy's gritty resistance, and Frank Cairo did score for him, 95-94. But Milo Savage and "Rocky" Castellani were less discerning at 95-95 and 96-96. Tony fell from grace after 17 wins, while Stacy went to 26-16-2.

"If Tony tells me that his hand was bothering him, I'll tell him I don't want to hear it," professed trainer Lou Clendaniel. "We're going to have to sit down and have a long talk." Steve Smoger refereed.

The judges also had to come to the aid of touted John Duplessis, 137¼, New Orleans, who took an unpopular unanimous decision over Anthony "Cobra" Williams, 137¼, Phila., in a tedious 10. Duplessis ran like a thief and did pepper the stalking Cobra with counters, but they were punches more designed to thwart combat than prevail in it. Anthony landed the more potent shots, jarring Duplessis with a sneak right in the third, then coming back with the same shot in the sixth to floor him, with John clutching shamelessly at Anthony's torso on the way down. To his credit, the visitor did stand his ground in a savage seventh, preventing Williams from picking up his option and turning the tide of battle. The Cobra was out of venom in the stretch as Duplessis sneaked to victory. Savage scored 96-95, while Cairo had a too-wide 96-92 and Castellani a questionable 98-92. Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Mickey Ward, 139, Lowell, Mass., bludgeoned his way to a crude, but effective TKO over spoiler Derrick McGuire, 140½, Ann Arbor, Mich., at 2:33 of the fourth, scheduled eight. After a difficult first, Ward dug in with a brutal body attack that took away all McGuire's subtleties. Derrick was ripped apart until a left to the ribs deflated him to the canvas. Ref, Smoger.

Khalif Shabazz, 152¼, Hartford, cuffed and slapped his way to a unanimous decision over brawler Robert Alvarado, 152, Vineland, in a difficult six. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Bruce Trampler.
TV: ESPN.
Attendance: SRO, 1,200. (est.).
Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Announcer: Chuck Hull.
(8-25-87)

▶SECAUCUS—Hilton—Colorful character "Not So Tough" Tony Suero returned to action, but couldn't shake off the effects of time and a merry street life. Suero, 163, Phila., lost a unanimous decision to durable "Pretty" Pat Prisco, 165, Madison, NJ, in a savagely fought 10.

Tony appeared to have the superior skills, blasting Prisco to the canvas with a picture left hook-right cross counter in the first. But Pat made up in persistence what he lacked in creativity, and forged ahead in rugged trench warfare.

Suero's ravaged body began to betray his advantage in skills in the late going until he lurched into a sidearm right in the ninth that had him out on his feet. Tony managed a gutsy effort for a stirring finish to lose by 95-94 from Eugene Grant, 95-93 from Frank Cairo and 97-93 from newcomer John Riley. Prisco became 17-5-1, while Suero went to 15-7-2. Ref, Tony Orlando.

Another retread fared even worse as Tony Corrado, 154, Beacon, NY, absorbed a one-sided drubbing from resurgent spoiler Donald Johnson, 152, Brooklyn, eight. Tony was dropped by a surprise right to start the first, and it didn't get much better. The long-armed Johnson made the squat Corrado wade through a shelling, then effectively tied him up on the inside. Grant scored 80-71, Cairo 80-72, and Riley 79-72. Ref, Paul Venti.

Jerome Hill, 146, Passaic, was awarded a terrible unanimous verdict over lefty Jimmy Holmes, 147, Troy, NY, in an action four. Hill started bravely, but began to reconsider midway through the second and was bleeding and in full retreat by the third. Ref, Orlando.

Art Tucker, 211, Newark, KO'd Vincent Dellechiaie, 245, Oak Ridge, NJ, at 3:01 of the first, scheduled four. In rousing action, Vince found his escape route cut off along the ropes, twisting an ankle and dropping in the process. Ref, Venti.

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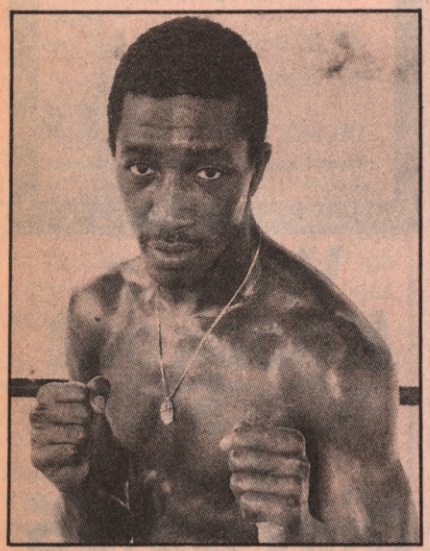
Pedro Marquez, 166, Bklyn., looked sharp TKO'ing "Junior" Rodriguez, 160¼, Paterson, at 2:21 of the second, scheduled four. A short left hook counter rattled Junior, then a ripping right uppercut felled him. Ref, Orlando.

Herman "Hurricane" Smith, 142, Jersey City, boxed smartly against slugger Luis Castillo, 142, Bklyn., then withstood a rocky final round to win a unanimous decision, four. Ref, Venti.

Promoter: Murad Muhammad (3M Promotions).
Matchmaker: Al Certo.
Attendance: 225, $6,500 (est.).
Timekeeper: Justin Bucanico.
Announcer: Ron Scott Stevens.
(9-23-87)

J.R. JOWETT



Harold "The Shadow" Knight retained his USBA junior lightweight belt with a fourth-round TKO over Anthony English at Resorts International Hotel/Casino.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Hotel-Casino**—The ballroom was SRO. The crowd had come to witness a Jersey showdown for the USBA junior lightweight title. Putting the crown on the line was Harold "The Shadow" Knight, 128½, Plainfield. His adversary was Anthony English, 125, Camden. It was scheduled for 12, but Knight ended it in four.

The challenger had an explicit plan for victory. Said English, "stick and run. The worse thing I could do is stand there and trade punches. I plan to use the entire ring, use lots of lateral movement, do my scoring inside and get out—quick." It was a perceptive evaluation of the situation, and it worked rather well at times, except there was a crack in the foundation.

Anthony had prepared to a point where he was too ready. At 125 lbs., he had little resistance to the power of the champion. Harold was patiently counter-punching, cutting off the ring rather smartly. He didn't unload often, but when he did the shots landed with telling effect. In Round Two English had his knees buckled on three different occasions.

Knight got a little careless in the third, and Anthony took that round with some heady moves as the blueprint had called for. Round Four was unfolding along the same cat and mouse lines until Knight saw an opening and unleashed a thundering right that caught his foe on the ear and down he went in Knight's own corner. English got up, too quickly in fact, and Harold was all over him. He appeared to go down again, but referee Ted Pick ruled it a slip. A few seconds later, a punishing left hook prompted Pick to charge in and wave it over at the 1:21 mark; a TKO win for Knight in the first defense. Pick didn't bother to issue the optional standing eight count, apparently fearing that Knight's reputed power could seriously injure English if it were allowed to go on. As it was, the fighter was still rubber legged as the ref wrapped his arms around him.

Knight is 18-0, 14KOs, while English fell to 19-8-1, 12 KOs.

While Knight has been known as a big left hook artist, his right hand will be getting more respect according to him. Said Harold, "The punch was always there for me, but I never needed it." On the knockdown, Knight added, "I moved over to his left-hand side so that if my jab beat his jab, I could throw a right hand over it. I got the jab in and he was right in the path of my right hand."

Edwin Curet, 138, Brockton, Ma., came off a nine-month layoff to post a 10-round split decision win over previously unbeaten (14-1, 10 KOs) Micky Ward, 136, Lowell, Ma.

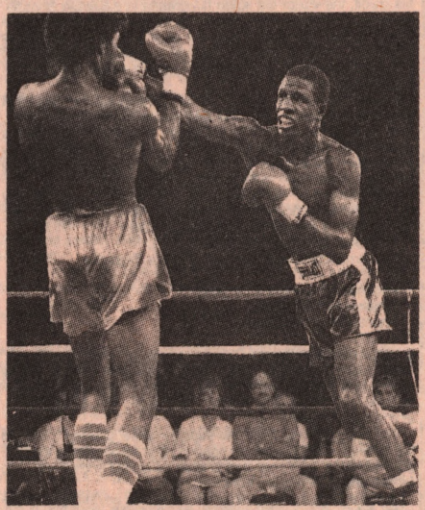
The craftiness and bullying of the more seasoned (21-7-2) Curet paid dividends. He took a substantial early lead (two, three and four points) with a strong body attack, then managed to hold off a rally by the switch-hitting Ward to take two carrds of 96-95 from Lynn Carter and Charlie Spina, while John Poturaj had it 97-94 for Ward. *The Ring* card read 96-94 for Curet. The referee was Rudy Battle. This was the first time Ward had ever gone beyond eight rounds, and he entered the fight with an injured left hand.

Alberto Alicea, 133¾, Troy, NY, took a good action, no knockdown four-round unanimous decision over Robert Langan, 132, Haverhill, Mass. Alicea had just a little too much of everything for a gutty Langan. Scores: Carter and Spina, 39-37, while Poturaj had it 40-36. Ref; Battle.

Harold Rhodes, 143½, Jersey City, NJ, just had too much energy for Randy Kearse, 134¼, Brooklyn, as he won a four-round unanimous decision. Even though Rhodes suffered a cut under his left eye in the third, Kearse spent much of the bout staying away after getting a taste of the medicine Rhodes was dishing out when they would trade punches. Scores: Carter and Poturaj, 39-37, Spina, 40-36. Ref; Pick.

In the walk-out bout, Bobby Brown, 145½, Brigantine, NJ, took an uneventful four-round unanimous decision over Renaldo Carson, 145, Hoboken, NJ. All three judges had it a 40-36 shutout. Ref; Battle.

Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Promoter: Top Rank.
Television: ESPN.
(9-25-87)



Kenny Baysmore (right) and Shelton LeBlanc battled to a 10-round draw in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel-Casino**—With both boxers coming off KO defeats, a victory would be a welcome tonic; it didn't happen. Kenny Baysmore, 133, Wash. DC, and Shelton LeBlanc, 136, Lafayette, La., ended their 10-rounder on even terms; one vote apiece and one tally a draw.

As for the judging, here was a clear case of eye of the beholder. Judge Tommy Kaczmarek tabbed it 98-94 for Baysmore. Lynn Carter saw it 95-95, while Richard F. Murry had it 99-91 for LeBlanc. *The Ring* card read 97-94 Baysmore.

The early going saw the rangy Baysmore use his full arsenal of abilities. In and out, side to side, combining movement with a fine mix of punches. Meanwhile, the southpaw LeBlanc failed to counter-punch effectively. Loading up was not paying off for Shelton as caution ruled his decisions.

More aware of the fight slipping away, he began to assert himself with the heavy artillery in the later rounds as Baysmore was wearing down. Kenny received only three votes out of a possible 15 in the bottom five rounds, those coming when he swept the eighth. Referee; Randy Neumann.

In their respective dressing stalls, neither was terribly upset about the outcome. Said Baysmore, "If that's what the judges saw, I can live with it. I lost the angles sometimes and made it a tough fight. I started getting a little too straight up. That was my first and last lightweight fight. I could tell the difference. He's a little too big for me. I only took the fight because it was available and I needed to fight."

Even though Shelton thought he won, he also said, "I could have pressed him more. My problem was waiting for the special combination. I was trying to conserve my energy. I wasn't sure I could go all out for 10 rounds. I should have been working more off the jab. I hardly used it at all."

The Ring scoring reflects those words. Our card had Baysmore sweeping the first five while LeBlance posed. When he finally decided to get involved, he had a 3-1-1 edge in six through 10.

Bryant Paden, 135, Phila., continued his winning ways against previously undefeateds, as he took an eight-round majority win over Sal Cenicola, 133, Rivervale, NJ. Paden is 9-3, with a perfect 5-0 log against unbeatens.

The fight was a severe case of opposites (styles) attracting. Sal rushed straight in to smother Paden in one and two. Paden then got his slick counter-punching rhythm down to pull away; despite losing a point in the third for tossing two low blows. Cenicola made it interestingly close in the home stretch against a noticably tiring Bryant. The two battled right to the final bell. Referee; Tony Orlando. Scores: Kaczmarek, 76-76, Murry, 77-74, and Carter, 76-75. *The Ring* also had it a draw at 76-76.

Southpaw Michael Duzant, 143, S.I., NY, took a six-round unanimous decision over Keith Martin, 145, Baltimore. Martin was floored twice in the fifth. Scores: Murry and Carter at 60-52, while Kaczmarek had it 59-53. *The Ring* tabbed it 58-54. Ref; Neumann.

Adam Garland, 160¼, Piscataway, NJ, TKO'd Charles Ingram, 161, Wash., DC, at 1:19 of the first in a scheduled six. Garland was all over Ingram from the outset, with Ingram getting a standing eight count from referee Orlando before the eventual stoppage.

Alberto Alicea, 137, Albany, NY, took a hard-fought four-round majority decision over Matty Flood, 139¼, NYC. The referee was Neumann. Murry had it 39-39, while both Kaczmarek and Carter saw it 40-37. *The Ring* had it 39-38 for Alicea.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter: HBA.
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
(8-27-87)

JACK OBERMAYER

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Canadian welterweight prospect Shawn O'Sullivan (148, Toronto), racked up his 15th victory, 11th kayo, by halting ridiculously overmatched Eduardo Brinoles (147½, Caracas) at 2:29 of the first round of a scheduled 10. Brinoles, who fights something like a praying mantis, was decked early in the round for a count of six by a left uppercut, then went down for seven from the same type of punch. When he arose, the towel came in, just as ref Al LoBianco had independently decided to stop the so-called fight.

"I didn't see the towel," LoBianco said afterwards. "Brinoles couldn't stand on his right leg; that's why I stopped it."

O'Sullivan is now 15-1; Brinoles went to 15-8 with six kayoes. Wonder who he fought.

In the co-feature, popular Philadelphian Tyrone Crawley (140½) had little trouble disposing of Chicago-based Herminio Morales (135). Crawley, now 21-2, seven kayoes, let Morales take the offensive through the first three rounds, then went on the attack himself in the fourth and scored heavily. Morales was cut badly inside the mouth in this round and did not come out for the fifth. It was his first defeat against 10 wins, one by kayo, and one draw. A mediocre performance by both fighters. Joe Santarpia refereed.

In a very good scheduled eight, Glenwood Brown (143, Plainfield, N.J.) took his record to 13-0, 11 kayoes, with a clean third-round knockout of Milwaukee's Kevin Austin. Austin, a popular journeyman who weighed in at 141½, gave Brown a good contest for the first two rounds in which both men came out winging. But Brown began to impose his will on Austin in the third, finally backing him into a corner and knocking him cold with a concise right hand. The fatal count came at the 2:15 mark. Austin is now 6-14-2, five kayoes. Johnny Colan refereed.

Brooklyn's unbeaten lightweight prospect Tunde Foster pleased the crowd with his 13th win, 10th kayo, by stopping Chris Silvas (137, Corpus Christi, Texas) at 2:38 of the second in a scheduled eight. Silvas decked Foster for a short count with a sneak right hand midway through the opening round, but Foster (132½) arose undamaged and turned the fight around with his fast combinations. A left-right put Silvas on the deck for a five-count late in the second, and a left hook immediately afterwards put him down for several minutes. LoBianco stopped counting at three. It was a brave effort by Silvas, whose record stands at 17-5, 10 kayoes.

Another unbeaten, Mark Weinman (152½, Whitestone, N.Y.) stayed that way with a third-round TKO over L.C. Robinson (152, St. Louis). Weinman, a tough brawler, decked Robinson twice in the opening round and twice more in the third, appearing to hurt Robinson with every punch he threw. Robinson was never in serious danger of being injured, but he was utterly outclassed, and Santarpia did well to stop it at 0:54 of the third. Weinman is 11-0, eight kayoes; Robinson is 7-2 with one kayo and ought to look for another line of work.

In the only bout of the evening to go the distance, Philadelphia-based Myron Taylor (129½) scored a majority decision over Richi Otero (130, Brooklyn) in eight hard-fought rounds. Taylor (now 22-6-1, 14 kayoes) has no punch and apparently less desire, but boxed well enough to foil most of Otero's kamikaze-style rushes. Otero (now 6-7, five kayoes) was worn out after three rounds, but showed a lot of heart throughout. The fight was very

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hard to score: Judges Jack DeFaris and Victor Suarez called it for Taylor, 5-3, as did *The Ring*; judge Carol Castellano called it a 4-4 draw. The scoring could have been 0-0-8. Harris Smith refereed.

Brooklyn-based light heavy Aristedes Gonzalez (173½) picked up his third kayo in as many fights by halting Macon, Ga.'s Jack Winters (170) at 1:53 of the fifth in a scheduled six. Gonzalez dominated throughout and should have put Winters away sooner. The end came when a left hook dropped Winters (now 2-1, one kayo) for a seven-count, and his corner stopped matters a few seconds thereafter. Smith refereed.

In the walkout bout, scheduled for four, Stewart Daniels (155, The Bronx) stopped Ed Martinez (156, The Bronx) on a cut eye at 1:15 of the third. Both men fought hard, but the stronger Daniels shook Martinez several times with right hands. A flurry decked Martinez early in the third; he arose bleeding badly from above the left eye and the bout was quickly stopped by Smith. The result leaves Daniels with a record of 2-1, one kayo; Martinez is 1-1, one kayo.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Attendance: 1,602.
(8-20-87)

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Harlem-based featherweight Tyrone Jackson (130) scored an impressive sixth-round kayo over Wilmer Ruiz (127, Tyler, Texas) in a scheduled 12-round bout for something called the Continental Americas super featherweight championship. The first four rounds were quite competitive, with both men strictly headhunting, then Jackson turned it on in the fifth. Two hacking rights decked Ruiz just before the bell ending that round; many ringsiders estimated that he was down for at least 12 seconds, but ref John LoBianco had apparently only reached nine before Ruiz struggled upright. He came out for the sixth helpless, and a barrage culminating in another chopping right quickly had him down again. This time, LoBianco's count reached 10, beyond question, at the 0:37 mark. Jackson improves to 25-1, 20 kayoes; Ruiz is 16-4, nine kayoes.

A very good co-feature was marred by an abominable decision that allowed Matt Farrago (155, Center Moriches, N.Y.) to stay unbeaten at 22-0-1, nine kayoes, at the expense of Kevin Brazier (156, South Bend, Ind.). Action was non-stop throughout the 10 rounds. Farrago's aggressive rushes gave him a good points lead early in the bout, but he was missing a lot and tiring quickly, and Brazier, who'd been boxing clever, began teeing off on Farrago in the last three heats. Farrago was badly hurt several times in the eighth; was cut over the left eye early in the ninth, staggered by a big right hand late in that stanza, and was pounded all over the ring in the final round. Two huge right hands dropped Farrago for a count of four in the closing seconds of the fight; ref Arthur Mercante Jr. looked as though he was going to stop it, but Matt was saved by the bell. Everybody in the house, including Farrago, seemed to think Brazier was the winner—except for judges George DeGabriel and Georgie Colon, who scored it 6-4 Farrago. Judge Al Reid had it 6-4 Brazier, as did *The Ring*. Brazier, who falls to 11-5, six kayoes, got a nice hand from the crowd, which booed the ridiculous decision with great conviction.

In a dull eight, Aaron Davis (149, The Bronx) improved to 12-0, six kayoes, with a unanimous decision over one Warren Nelson (151, Philadelphia). Davis, who has no right hand to speak of, hacked away at Nelson with his left and scored points, while Nelson mauled and grabbed. Judges Nick Cimino and Reid called it 8-0; judge Colon, 7-1, all for Davis. *The Ring* agreed with Colon's score. Nelson is now 3-4. Fred Ucci refereed.

A surprisingly entertaining four-rounder saw Joey Winters (197½, Smithtown, N.Y.) score his third win against no losses (one kayo) with a unanimous decision over Wayne Epps (209, Baltimore). Epps, who was making his pro debut, came into the ring with a kelly green Ace bandage on his knee. This was the most interesting thing about him; his fighting was not worth looking at. Winters, on the other hand, is just a nervous slapper. Their retrospective levels of incompetence were similar enough to make the bout competitive, but Winters took all four rounds on the official scorecards, as well as on this unofficial one. Jim Santa refereed.

In a disgraceful mismatch, debuting Augustin Centeno (136½, The Bronx) stopped Wilfredo Velez (134½, The Bronx) at 1:18 of the first of a scheduled four. Velez, who was also making his pro debut, went goofy every time a punch landed, swaying in the breeze like a wheat straw. Twice he actually went down, each time from an ordinary-looking flurry, and Santa quickly decided he'd seen enough.

In the walkout, scheduled for six, Ricardo Cepeda improved to 4-0-1, two kayoes, when his opponent, Israel Rodriguez (123, The Bronx) retired in his corner after the fourth. Cepeda (123, The Bronx) had won every round, but Rodriguez never looked to be in any trouble. Perhaps he was as bored as the rest of us and wanted a beer. He's now 1-1, one kayo. Ucci refereed.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Attendance: 1,310.
(9-3-87)

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—Hot middleweight prospect Darrin Van Horn of Lexington, Ky. maintained his unbeaten record, improving to 32-0, 21 kayoes, with a third-round stoppage of Chicago-based journeyman Norberto Bueno in a scheduled 10-round main event. Van Horn, who is only 19, got a good contest from Bueno for two rounds: Both fighters showed good classic technique. In the third, Van Horn's punches started to hurt and two hard right hands soon had Bueno on the deck. Bueno apparently could have got up, but chose to resign by sitting on the canvas while ref Arthur Mercante Sr. tolled off the count, the bout ending at the 1:26 mark. Bueno, whose record is 13-9, 11 kayoes, weighed 158; Van Horn, 157.

In a scandalously bad feature bout, Jackie Beard (132¾, Jackson, Tenn.) knocked out Angel Hernandez (132, Guadalajara, Mexico) at 2:22 of the fourth in a scheduled 10. It was an unbelievably dull exhibition: Beard had virtually no offense and Hernandez had even less. In the fourth, after no action of any kind, Hernandez suddenly dropped writhing to the floor from what looked like a push on the shoulder and was counted out by ref Carl Schroeder as he lay there doing his best to look groggy. An informal poll of the press section failed to turn up anyone who had seen a punch land. Nobody objected to the ending, however, preferring that to the alternative of six more rounds of posing. Beard is 31-3, 19 kayoes (some of them genuine). Hernandez is 29-7, 18 kayoes.

Parisian middleweight Chris Tiozzo, 161, stayed unbeaten at 14-0, nine kayoes, by stopping Louisville-based Tim Knight, 156, at 1:59 of the fourth in a scheduled eight. Knight, who's 8-7, two kayoes, was an easy foil for Tiozzo, who as usual landed a lot of punches and won each round, but showed absolutely no killer instinct or willingness to take chances. Ref Nick Drake called a halt at 1:59 of the fourth after Knight had taken 20 or so unanswered shots. Knight was unhurt but clearly outclassed.

Lightweight prospect Robert Byrd headed a three-man delegation from Sugar Ray Leonard's Dallas-based boxing team making its debut at the Forum, scoring a clean kayo of Chicago-based Gabriel Garcia at 0:25 of the seventh in a scheduled eight. Byrd, who weighed 130, is 11-0, eight kayoes. He showed some boxing skills and a big punch against Garcia, but also showed his main weakness: He is strictly a head puncher. Garcia, who showed a lot of heart, took some head shots that might have killed a lesser man, but just kept on coming throughout the fight. Garcia went down for a short count early in the sixth from a right hand, but exhaustion had a lot to do with that knockdown. There was no question about the final one, though: Byrd's first body punch of the night, a left hook to the solar plexus, sent Garcia down like a shot duck. He could not get his breath, much less move, until Drake had reached the end of the count. Garcia weighed 131¾. His record is 9-5, five kayoes.

Another Leonard-managed fighter, Eugene Speed, stayed unbeaten at 7-0, but was taken the six-round distance for the first time by his opponent, Arvel Campbell of Milwaukee. Speed boxed well, but overconfidence kept him from putting his man away. Campbell, who did well to survive, was down in the closing seconds from a mixture of fatigue and a right hand. Speed had the fifth round taken from him for low blows by Mercante. Judge Billy Graham had it 5-0-1 for Speed; judges Harold Lederman and Ted Wint had Speed ahead 4-2. *The Ring* had it 5-1, Speed. Speed weighed 125; Campbell, who goes to 4-4-1, one kayo, weighed 124¾.

Sugar Ray's third entry, Quincy Taylor (158), scored his fourth kayo in as many bouts by very efficiently halting Bill Robinson (153, Brooklyn) at 2:25 of the first in a scheduled six. A single straight right, after two minutes of dull sparring, had Robinson cold and twitching on his back for the full count. Robinson is 4-7-1, two kayoes. Oscar Perez refereed.

His nibs worked the corner for all three of his fighters.

David Thio (133, Ivory Coast) looked competent, but no more, in gaining a six-round unanimous nod over James Woodhouse (138, Philadelphia). It was Thio's seventh win in as many bouts, and his first by decision; Woodhouse is 4-7, two kayoes. Both boxed decently, but there were no fireworks; judges Lederman and Tony Castellano had Thio ahead 4-2 at the end; judge Graham had it 6-0; *The Ring* saw it 3-2-1, Thio. Oscar Perez refereed. Thio's robe was decorated with an advertisement for an Ivory Coast-based "Travail Temporaire" (temporary employment) agency. Well, now *The Ring* knows who to call the next time our receptionist goes on vacation.

A spirited if unskilled six-round lightweight bout wrapped up the evening: Baltimore's Keith Grimes (133) improved to 7-1, six kayoes, with a unanimous win over Craig Johnson (130½, Atlantic City), who is 2-6, one kayo. Johnson, who looks like he was made of pipe-cleaners and fights like it, was fined one round for stalling; but both men were guilty of too much wrestling. Judge Castellano scored 6-0; judge Graham, 5-1; judge Lederman, 4-2; and *The Ring* 5-1, all for Grimes. Schroeder refereed.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Attendance: 1,000 (est.).
(9-17-87)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

OREGON

Former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks is still pushing leather. He recently stopped off in Eugene, Oregon long enough to hold local hero Jim Ashard to a 10-round draw.

▶**EUGENE—Lane County Fairgrounds**—Despite the ace bandage on one knee, Neon Leon Spinks' 34-year-old legs carried him through a 10-round leather festival with 24 year-old local hero Jim Ashard in this main event.

Coming out fast, Spinks (211) concentrated on Ashard's (214) body for the first three rounds and had the Eugene fighter covering on the ropes. Ashard came out busy in the fourth and took the round by walking through the Spinks barrage to deliver his own. The fifth had both fighters trading places on the ropes to the delight of the stomping 1,700 who filled the bleachers and Spinks took the sixth and seventh rounds off to recuperate.

The last three rounds were hot with toe-to-toe banging and the judges called it a draw. The scores were: 97-95 for Spinks, 99-90 for Ashard, and 98-98.

A quartet of four-rounders filled out the card.

Steve Harvey (179) of Springfield, Oregon, won a unanimous decision over Ron Cranmer (177) of Portland, Oregon.

Jesse Madrilles (135) of Portland decisioned David Kraal (135) of Eugene.

Joe Hipp (235) of Yakima, Washington, debuted with a unanimous decision over outclassed Steve Cortez (228) of Ashland, Oregon.

Pedro Aguilar (153) of Portland drew with Doug McNatt (149) of Eugene.

Referees: Phil Moyer & Buzz Buzalsky.
Judges: Jack Bachelor, Loyd Davis & Don Thomson.
Physician: Louis Bianchini.
Promoter: Rich Danner & Feature Events.
Gate: 1,700 paid.
(8-29-87)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**EASTON—State Theatre**—Larry Holmes returned from summer hiatus with an extravaganza card that produced lots of action, not all of it welcome.

In the main event, Angel Cruz, 143½, Bethlehem, faced Ronald "Lobster" Thermidor, 144½, a Haitian fighting out of Brooklyn who'd been de-licensed in New Jersey. Eager to redeem himself, the overzealous Lobster first became embroiled in a fracas with Cruz at the weigh-in. Then, though not in Angel's class, the unorthodox Haitian proceeded to give the hero all he wanted in a foul-filled melee. Cruz swept the rounds, but was made to look bad in the struggle until a blatant butt gashed his eye in the ninth. That proved the last straw as Cruz was no angel in boiling the Lobster alive in the 10th and final round. Ref Tony Wolfe had to rescue the game Thermidor on his feet at 0:58. Lobster collapsed in his corner and had to be removed to a hospital, but fortunately he was suffering only exhaustion.

Mark Holmes, 162, Easton, didn't have to scuffle as much with the more orthodox Jerome Kelly, 160¼, Akron, but still got a good workout on his way to a unanimous win, 10. The willing Kelly went after Holmes all night, but was met by a nifty display of circling and countering. Wolfe refereed.

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Donovan "Razor" Ruddock, 222¼, Toronto, was sharp versus a human punching bag who is difficult to look good against, Juan Quintana, 221, Holyoke. Left hooks hurt Quintana in the first, then a left uppercut ripped through his guard to floor him. A left hook counter dropped Juan in the second, with ref Rudy Battle stopping the scheduled 10 at 0:51.

In a fine contest between two stepping-stone opponents, Terry Armstrong, 226¾, Cinc., took a split decision over Robbie Evans, 227, Jersey City, eight. Both took turns rocking each other, but Armstrong's short hooks kept up a steady tattoo on the round-housing Evans and Terry deserved the close win. Lynne Carter scored for the loser, 77-76, while Tony Santore was too wide at 79-75 and Carol Polis came in on the money at 77-76. Ref, Battle.

Ron "Stingray" McCarthy, 182, Easton, was too strong and aggressive for an octopussing Dawud Shaw, 181, Sharon Hill, and gained a deserved majority verdict in a hard-fought six. Carter had 57-57, the others both 58-57. Referee, Wolfe.

Herman "Hurricane" Smith, 139¾, Jersey City, caught charging southpaw Rodney Branford, 137¾, Reading, with one crisp right counter to drop and TKO him at 0:56 of the first, scheduled four. Ref, Battle.

Skittish Greg Townes, 173¾, Providence, boxed well enough to take a unanimous decision over ineffective Larry King, 169¾, Rochester, in a tame four. Wolfe refereed.

Promoter: Larry Holmes (Sports Cor, Inc.).
Matchmaker: Gary Hegyi.
TV: Service Electric Cable TV.
Attendance: 400, $6,500 (est).
Timekeeper: Carl Hutchins.
Announcers: Ed Derian & Rich Lerner.

(8-29-87)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—In a scheduled 10, sleeper Rodney Moore, 140, N. Phila., kept his hopes for bigger things alive with a useful win over experienced Ali Karim Muhammad, 141, Chicago. In lively action, Karim relied on two-hand flurries to the lanky Moore's body, while Rodney took advantage of the lowered guard to counter with sharp left hooks. Rodney had the better plan into the fifth, when both fighters simultaneously decided to go for broke. It was Karim who finally gave ground after a furious slugfest, with Rodney appearing firmly in command coming out for the sixth. A sweeping left hook quickly rattled Ali, who was unable to escape a relentless pressure that persuaded ref Tommy Reid to stop it over a weak protest at 1:41. Moore rose to 14-6, while Karim fell to 13-11-1.

In a scheduled eight, returning Darryl Martin, 141, Harrisburg, won an unsatisfactory, cut-eye TKO over Ali Saad Muhammad, 142, S. Phila., at 1:10 of the fifth. The heavy-fisted Martin had trouble finding the shifty southpaw, but appeared about to break through when ref Charlie Sgrillo suddenly called in the doctor and halted the bout. Martin went to 12-3, while Saad became 7-3-2.

Adept at the prudent exit, Dawud Shaw, 179, Sharon Hill, surrendered after one of a scheduled six against Nate Miller, 188½, Germantown. Miller was sharp, deftly avoiding Shaw's octopus reach to crunch the body and possibly break a rib. The unbeaten Miller won his seventh, while Dawud sunk to 15-14. Ref, Sgrillo.

Willie Rivera, 135½, N. Phila., impressed, chewing up game, but outclassed Han "Sugar" Kim, 137, Silver Spring, MD, in a frenzied four. Kim was dropped in the first, bloodied and battered in the second, and not out for the third. Willie won his second, while "Sugar" soured to 1-4. Ref, Sgrillo.

Southpaw prospect Earl Moorman, 123, S. Phila., went to 5-1 with a solid, unanimous win over Wayne Christian, 127, N. Phila., in a spirited four. Christian, who was debuted too tough, gave it a good try for three rounds, but was badly battered in the fourth. Ref, Reid.

Prospect Andre Prophet, 173, N. Phila., won his second, conking out debuting muscle-man Fabian Garcia, 172, Port of Spain, Trinidad, via Gaithersburg, MD, at 1:23 of the second, scheduled four. Garcia was floored by a left-right, then staggered by a right when Reid halted it.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Matchmakers: J. Russell Peltz & Gary Hegyi.
TV: USA Network.
Attendance: 907, $10,500 (est.).
Judges: Lynne Carter, Al Morris & Manny Altman.
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Ed Derian.

(9-15-87)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Northeast National Guard Armory**—The second entry by this new promotion fell short of their outstanding first show both in quality and attendance, but still provided an interesting club card. In a scheduled eight, Brian McGinley, 151, Fishtown, beat up on Kim Berlt, 151, Huntington, WV, who was not permitted out for the sixth. The skinny Berlt, who tries but can't fight a lick, was nearly gone in the first, but lasted into the fourth when he received a standing eight, then was all but finished in the fifth. Ref, Frank Cappuccino.

The co-feature eight was a showdown between two house fighters, with Chris "The Worm" Guest, 163, N.E. Phila., easily dominating Todd Englehart, 160, Lebanon. "The White Lion," a punch-and-pose mannequin, couldn't match "The Worm's" wriggly southpaw style and was getting chased out of the ring by the late rounds. Rudy Battle scored 39-33, Carol Polis and Joe O'Neil both 40-32. Ref, Charlie Sgrillo.

On-again, off-again Andre Haddock, 160, N. Phila., was "on," stopping poor Bob Sokol, 165, formerly Boston, now Wilmington, at 1:39 of the first, scheduled four. Sokol couldn't get out of the way of Haddock's sharp combination punching and received a standing eight before ref Sgrillo stopped it.

Maurice Johnson, 158, Wilmington, KO'd a china-chinned Jeff Austino, 159, Williamstown, NJ, at 1:24 of the third, scheduled four. Austino was dropped in the second and third. Ref, Cappuccino.

Returning Tommy Quinn, 179, Kensington, wore out and stopped terrible James Mills, 178, Wilmington, who was totally exhausted at 0:41 of the fourth and final round of an awkward shoving match. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter: John Tarlini.
Matchmaker: Harold Moore.
Attendance: 650, $10,000 (est.).
Timekeeper: J.P. Mina.
Announcer: Hank Kropinski.
(8-27-87)

J.R. JOWETT

TENNESSEE

▶**MEMPHIS—Omni-Daisy Theatre**—Memphian Michael Greer, 194½, squared off with Curtis Isaac, 194¼, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for Greer's Continental Americas cruiserweight title, Greer coming away with a unanimous 12-round decision.

Greer, looking better than ever, hardly gave Isaac a chance, beating him to the punch in every round with his awkward style and fast hands as he improved his record to 30-6-2.

The scoring indicated Greer's dominance, the cards reading 120-108, 120-109 and 120-110.

Memphian Knox Brown, 162, stayed on the winning track as he stopped Roger Holloway, 165, Hamilton, Alabama, at 2:56 of the fifth round of a scheduled six. Brown improved his record to 27-9-1.

Robert Richardson, 195, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, won a four-round unanimous decision over Greeneville, Mississippi's Herman Jackson, 211.

Bruce Card, 166, Memphis, stopped Covington's Ronald Staford, 174, in 2:37 of the first of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Tom Harmon/Mid South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmakers: Red Fortner & Peyton Sher.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Sam Garland, Mark Atherson & Buddy Holderfield.
Referees: Jim Kidd & Sam Garland.
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone
Physicians: Dr. Jeff Hoover & Dr. Lee Wilson.
Attendance: 600 (est.).
(9-1-87)

▶**MEMPHIS—Omni-Daisy Theatre**—Little Rock, Arkansas' J.D. Dobbins, 152, captured the Mid South Boxing's Southern junior middleweight title, earning a 12-round decision over defending champion Brian Grant, 155, Memphis.

Dobbins earned two votes, 118-112 and 117-115, while the third judge saw Grant the winner, 116-115.

After an uneventful first round, Grant came out banging in the second frame and had Dobbins staggered late in the round. The next three rounds saw both in perpetual motion, throwing everything they had. In Round Six, Grant had Dobbins staggered again, but the game Dobbins held on to the end of the round.

In Round Eight, probably the most exciting round of the night, Dobbins and Grant exchanged and landed numerous combinations. The final four rounds were much like the early sessions, with both staying busy.

Memphian Mike Flowers, 144, stopped Jackson, Tennessee's Jackie Bedwell, 143, at 2:24 of the first frame of a scheduled four. Flowers was making his pro debut.

Randy Phillips, 140, Greenville, Mississippi, pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over Memphian Semmie Black, 135.

The opener had Jackson, Tennessee's Roy Bedwell, 165, earning a four-round unanimous decision over Memphian Bruce Card, 165.

Promoter: Tom Harmon/Mid South Boxing Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Gilbert Beam, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbert, Sam Garland & Mark Acherson.
Referees: Jim Kidd & Garland.
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone.
Physician: Dr. Jeff Hoover.
Attendance: 400 (est.).
(9-15-87)

MICHAEL GLENN

▶**BRISTOL—Bristol International Speedway**—In the shadow of the Bristol International Speedway, Barry Audia, 165, disappointed a near-capacity hometown crowd as he lethargically eked out a unanimous 10-round decision over Evansville, Indiana middleweight Gary Thomas.

Audia, who was down in the third round, extended his record to 30-4, but needed the help of the judges to do it.

In other action, lightweight Gary Stallworth, Elizabethton, Tenn., won a hard-fought six-round split decision over Jerry Massey of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bristol's Wesley Watson, a svelte 233-pounder, used 270-pound Wesley Smith of Louisville, Kentucky, for a punching bag over six rounds. With a record of 4-0, Watson shows real promise.

Mastapha Cole, 166, of Cleveland, Ohio, edged Lopez McKee of Nashville in another six-rounder.

Slick boxer-puncher Sammy Rivera of Knoxville, Tenn., scored a six-round TKO over tough, durable Joe Edens of Nashville. Rivera, 147, ran his record to 17-3 and looked good doing it.

A four-round draw between light heavyweights Robert Clevenger of Newport, Tenn., and Frank Rhodes of Louisville, Ky., should have gone into the win column for Rhodes. He won it going away.

A cruiserweight match scheduled for six rounds was stopped by referee Deacon Bowers in the fourth round when Richard Mason of Hamilton, Ohio, blasted Chavez Francisco, Morristown, Tenn., to the canvas with a crunching combination.

Referee Bowers did a creditable job but the judging was of the hometown variety.

BOB G. SURBER

TEXAS

▶**EL PASO**—Three 12-rounders made up this card, but just one bout went the limit, Texan Troy Dorsey, 124¼, winning a unanimous decision over Felipe Garcia, 123½, Arizona.

WORLD RATINGS
BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOXING FEDERATION
(As of September, 1987)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Tyson (US)
1. Tyrell Biggs (US)
2. Trevor Berbick (US)
3. Carl Williams (US)
4. Tony Tucker (US)
5. James Smith (US)
6. James Broad (US)
7. James Douglas (US)
8. Larry Alexander (US)
9. Tony Tubbs (US)
10. Joe Bugner (Australia)
11. Frank Bruno (England)
12. Willie de Wit (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (US)
1. Dwight Qawi (US)
2. Anthony Witherspoon (US)
3. Alfonzo Ratliff (US)
4. Sherman Griffin (US)
5. Bash Ali (US)
6. Ricky Parkey (US)
7. Jose Flores (Uruguay)
8. Sammy Reeson (England)
9. Jeff Lampkin (US)
10. Tony Fulilangi (Tonga)
11. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
12. Daniel Netto (Argentina)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Bobby Czyz (US)
1. Charles Williams (US)
2. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
3. Rufino Angulo (France)
4. Nestor Giovannini (Argentina)
5. Anthony Willis (US)
6. Ramzi Hassan (US)
7. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
8. Blain Longsden (England)
9. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
10. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
11. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
12. Chris Reid (US)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Don LaLonde (Canada)
2. Lindell Holmes (US)
3. Vincent Boulware (US)
4. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
5. Dario Matteoni (Argentina)
6. Nicky Walker (US)
7. Doug DeWitt (US)
8. Sanderline Williams (US)
9. Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)
10. Lenny LaPaglia (US)
11. Mustafa Hamsho (US)
12. Douig Sam (Australia)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Mike Olajide (Canada)
2. Frank Tate (US)
3. Marvin Hagler (US)
4. Iran Barkley (US)
5. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
6. Michael Nunn (US)
7. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
8. Herol Graham (England)
9. Mark Janssen (Australia)
10. Darnell Knox (US)
11. Juan Gimenez (Paraguay)
12. Troy Darrell (US)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Matthew Hilton (Canada)
1. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
2. Buster Drayton (US)
3. Said Skouma (France)
4. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
5. Troy Waters (Australia)
6. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
7. Donald Curry (US)
8. Robert Hines (US)
9. Jack Callahan (US)
10. John Mugabi (Uganda)
11. Felipe Nino (Panama)
12. Gianfranco Rossi (Italy)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (England
1. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
2. Simon Brown (US)
3. Tyrone Trice (US)
4. Rollin Williams (US)
5. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
6. Mark Breland (US)
7. Maurice Blocker (US)
8. Felipe Canela (US)
9. Kirkland Laing (England)
10. Bobby Joe Young (US)
11. Tommy Ayers (US)
12. Al Long (US)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Terry Marsh (England)
1. Frankie Warren (US)
2. Buddy McGirt (US)
3. Eung-Sik Kim (Korea)
4. Jong Jung Pacquing (Philippines)
5. Joe Manley (US)
6. Meldrick Taylor (US)
7. Harold Brazier (US)
8. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. John Meekins (US)
11. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
12. Wilf Gentzen (Australia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Vinny Pazienza (US)
1. Greg Haugen (US)
2. Frankie Randall (US)
3. Pernell Whitaker (US)
4. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
5. Amancio Castro (Columbia)
6. Fred Pendleton (US)
7. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
8. John Duplessis (US)
9. Terrence Alli (US)
10. Sakad Petchyindee (Thailand)
11. Darryl Tyson (US)
12. Lester Ellis (Australia)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Lockridge (US)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (US)
2. Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)
3. Harold Knight (US)
4. Fulo Sugaray (Indonesia)
5. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
6. Thomas DaCruz (Brazil)
7. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
8. Jim McDonnell (England)
9. Ariel Duran (Philippines)
10. Alvaro Bohorquez (Colombia)
11. Geron Porras (Philippines)
12. Tony Lopez (US)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
1. Kwon Chul (Korea)
2. Calvin Grove (US)
3. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
4. Lupe Suarez (US)
5. Hector Lopez (US)
6. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
7. Mauricio Stecca (Italy)
8. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
9. Hirohomi Minami (Japan)
10. Alexander Wassa (Indonesia)
11. Jae-Yong Hwang (Korea)
12. Jamie Polo (Colombia)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
1. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
2. Jose Sanabria (US)
3. Yong-Woon Park (Korea)
4. Moises Fuentes (Colombia)
5. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
6. Valero Nati (Italy)
7. Jesse Benevides (US)
8. James Pipps (US)
9. Aaron Lopez (US)
10. Ruben Palacio (Colombia)
11. Prayurasak Muangsurin (Thailand)
12. Jorge Diaz (US)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kelvin Seabrooks (US)
1. Ernie Cantuluna (Philippines)
2. Thierry Jacob (France)
3. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
4. Fabrice Benichou (France)
5. Miguel Maturana (Columbia)
6. Raul Perez (Mexico)
7. Ezequiel Hernandez (Colombia)
8. Luis Curtis (US)
9. Jimmy Navarro (US)
10. Wiem Sapulete (Indonesia)
11. Gaby Canizales (US)
12. Jesus Salud (US)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
1. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
2. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
3. Juan Polo (Colombia)
4. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
5. Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
6. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
7. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
8. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
9. Mauro Diaz (Mexico)
10. Chun Huh (Korea)
11. Pat Bracero (Philippines)
12. Dong-Chung Lee (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)
1. Bi-Wong Chung (Korea)
2. Rolando Bohol (Philippines)
3. Duke McKenzie (England)
4. Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
5. Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)
6. Ramon Medal (US)
7. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
8. Thanomsak Singbobe (Thailand)
9. Loremer Pontino (Philippines)
10. Mauricio Bernal (Colombia)
11. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
12. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Jum-Hwan Choi (Korea)
1. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
4. Sonny Vidal (Philippines)
5. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
6. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
7. Azadin Anhar (Indonesia)
8. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
9. Toribio Riascos (Colombia)
10. Virgillo Chifundo (Panama)
11. Roy Thompson (Panama)
12. Tacy Macalos (Philippines)

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kyung-Yon Lee (Korea)
1. Boy Lucas (Philippines)
2. John Arief (Indonesia)
3. Samuth Sithnarvepol (Thailand)
4. Eric Chavez (Philippines)
5. Romy Ceniza (Philippines)
6. Trang Bunlerd (Thailand)
7. Nana Suhana (Indonesia)
8. Rolando Protacio (Philippines)
9. Mal Thonburifarm (Thailand)
10. Nelson Purisima (Philippines)
11. Thanjai Kiatthavatchai (Thailand)
12. Julius Leojan (Indonesia)

In a battle of Texans, Cliff Thomas, 139, TKO'd Dicky Jordan, 136¼, at 1:02 of the seventh round.
Florida's Donald Brockington, 116, stopped Mexican Ricardo Rodarte at 1:58 of the second round.
Promoter: Hilary Sandoval.
Physician: Gardea.
Referees: James Butin & Roy Kurbin.
Timekeepers: J. Serrano & R. Serrano.
Judges: Virgil Miller, Al Martinez & Rudy Beltran.
(8-8-87)

▶**HOUSTON**—Tony Willis, 176, scored a 10-round unanimous decision win over Louis Coleman, who weighed 175.
Othal "Choo Choo" Dixon, 140, made quick work of Ruben Munoz, 140, stopping Munoz in just 2:36 of their scheduled eight-rounder.
A second eight went the distance, Ronald Collins, 161, scoring a unanimous decision win over Ronald Martin, 161¼.
Warren Williams, 155¼, stopped Keyland McKinney, 154, at 1:14 of the third of a scheduled six.
Kent Nealy, 126, scored a unanimous six-round decision over Mario Salazar, 128.
Mike Sacchetti, 154, stopped Ricky Ray Coleman, 149, at 1:38 of the fourth round of a scheduled six.
Raymond Chavez, 141, captured a unanimous four-round decision over Rodney Byers, 139.
Promoter: Houston Boxing Association.
Physicians: Bransford & Guerrero.
Referees: Mark Tessman & Tony Sechelski.
Timekeepers: Ferris & Joerns.
Judges: Terry Daniels, Ronnie Ralston, Ray Martin & Chris Jordan.
Gross: $5,267.
(8-13-87)

▶**HOUSTON**—Oklahoma's Dale Cook, 166½, stopped Texan Donald Tucker, 158½, at 1:47 of the third round of a scheduled 12.
A scheduled 10 also ended early, Texan Ronnie DeLeon, 156, scoring a TKO over Oklahoma's John Hefley at 44 seconds of the fifth round.
Texan Jeffrey Hollins, 207½, stopped Oklahoma's Kenneth Penn, 241½, at 1:24 of the third round of a slated six.
Tommy Mouton, 185, Louisiana, TKO'd Oklahoma's Joe McDaniel, 182½, at 1:34 of the second of a scheduled four.
Oklahoma's Mark Breedlove TKO'd Texan Mike Filmore at 1:59 of the second round of a scheduled three.
Promoter: Juvenile Diabetes Association.
Physician: Shapiro.
Referee: Renard Jackson.
Timekeepers: Ferris & Echols.
Judges: Steve Davis, Al Garza & Henry Ellsworth.
(8-14-87)

▶**FT. WORTH**—Steve Cruz, 128, stopped fellow-Texan Rogelio Lopez, 129, 10 seconds into the seventh round of a scheduled 10.
Cruz was making his first appearance since losing his world featherweight championship to Antonio Esparragoza in March.
Cruz dropped Lopez in each of the first two rounds, but the Dallas-based Lopez fought back and scored well, particularly in the fourth round. By the sixth round, the right eye of Lopez was practically closed, forcing the ringside physicain to put a halt to the contest.
Texan Guadalupe Miranda, 132½, knocked out Mexico's Alberto Flores, 131½, at 1:01 of the second round of a scheduled eight.
Gilberto Contreras, 119, Texas, TKO'd Alfonso Mallen, 122, Mexico, at 2:32 of the second of another scheduled eight.
A third scheduled eight also ended in the second when Texan Jay Strickland, 174½, stopped Louisiana's Leon Morris, 170, at 2:28.
Two four-rounders also ended early.
Juan Camero, 114, TKO'd Greg Foster, 115¼, at 2:41 of the second in a battle between Texans.
Texan Mickey Pryor, 212, knocked out Mexican Jorge Ceron, 202, at 2:04 of the fourth.
Promoter: Super Pro Events.
Physicians: Marr & Gardner.

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(8-16-87)

WEST VIRGINIA

▶**PARKERSBURG—Holiday Inn**—Boxing returned to the Parkersburg area with an interesting six-bout card put together by West Virginia Sports Promotions, Inc. out of Clarksburg, W.Va.
The undercard originally featured Troy and Lloyd Weaver, two of the triplet brothers of former WBA heavyweight champion Mike Weaver. But according to promoter Jerry Thomas, the Weaver brothers could not fight on the card because they were also scheduled to fight on a card in Atlantic City September 18 and New Jersey's 14-days between fights rule forced the fighters to choose between fighting here or in New Jersey. Obviously, the Weavers chose to go to the "greener" pastures of boxing hotbed Atlantic City.
In the co-featured main event, Ernie White, 172, Charleston, scored an upset TKO of house favorite Tommy Hayes, 169, Parkersburg, at 2:00 of the sixth and final round in a bout that saw numerous changes in momentum.
Hayes (7-5) began the bout by aggressively advancing behind thudding lefts and rights to the body while White (5-2) looked to catch his opponent with counter rights. After a mid-round exchange in a neutral corner, Hayes came out with a half-inch gash at the corner of his left eye.
The second round saw White switch to the southpaw stance in an attempt to land his right jabs on Hayes' cut. But White's accelerated pace caused him to tire with a minute left in the round. Seeing this, Haynes rained in punch after punch, stunning White at the bell with two lefts to the body and a solid right to the chin.
Hayes, the nephew of 45-year-old state heavyweight title contender Burt Hayes, dominated rounds three and four by maneuvering White to the ropes and blasting away at the body. Although White was obviously exhausted, he landed enough punches to keep Hayes' cut open.
The fight swung again in the fifth when White, while languishing on the ropes, exploded a left cross to the charging Hayes' chin. Hayes staggered to the other side of the ring and White, in hot pursuit, dumped Hayes with a series of punches. After Hayes took a mandatory eight count, another left cross dropped him for the count of nine.
Early in Round Six, an overhand right followed by another left cross prompted referee Billy Tibbs to issue a standing eight count to Hayes. A follow-up barrage left the Parkersburg resident standing defenseless with both arms outstretched on the ropes. At this point, the ringside physician jumped onto the ring apron to alert Tibbs to stop the fight, which he did.
In the other co-feature, Gary "Kompac Kid" Traugh, 150, Parkersburg, knocked out John Robinson, 145, Beckley, at 2:30 of the first round of a scheduled six. After the fighters furiously exchanged punches, a sharp right by Traugh forced Robinson (3-3) to the ropes. Traugh's follow-up body shots doubled Robinson over and a knifing left hook to the liver dropped Robinson to all fours. At eight, Robinson conceded the fight.
Gary Wolfe, 174, Parkersburg, scored a unanimous decision over journeyman Robert "The Spoiler" Curry, unannounced weight, Beckley. The bout was a rematch of a fight that saw Curry win on an unintentional butt.
Wolfe won the first two rounds by shooting double jabs followed by strong rights. One particular right in the first round knocked out Curry's mouthpiece.
Curry made a nice comeback in rounds three and four as he fought back violently whenever Wolfe tagged him with right-hand leads. Wolfe apparently won the fight on the judges' scorecards in the final two rounds on the strength of his final-minute surges. But Curry, who had a slight nick on the forehead opened in the fifth, slipped many of Wolfe's punches and landing clubbing blows on the inside.
Wolfe won 30-25, 29-25 and 28-26, but Curry won 28-26 on *The Ring* scorecard.
Southpaw Marino Ramirez, 127, California, Pa., outhustled fellow lefty Antonio Rutledge, 132, Columbus, Ohio, in a six-round split-decision that should have been unanimous. Both fighters spent the first four rounds establishing a body attack but the difference proved to be Ramirez's superior work rate. Rutledge (15-7) tried to circle away from Ramirez (13-2) in rounds five and six. While this tactic kept him from absorbing more severe punishment, he was still unable to score with many of his shots.
John Loscar, 170, Parkersburg, survived two knockdowns in the first round to register a second-round KO over Sidney White, 155, Cleveland. After Loscar (2-0) stunned White (2-3) with a six-punch combination capped by a right uppercut, White scored a flash knockdown over the hometown favorite with a short counter right. Three strong rights drove Loscar to a neutral corner, where another series of rights prompted referee Tibbs to give a standing eight count at the end of the round.
A big right early in the second wobbled White and a follow-up left-right dropped him in Loscar's corner. After Robinson rose at nine, Loscar zipped in a brutal right to the body to end matters at 1:38 of Round Two of a scheduled four.
Mark Miller, 144, Cincinnati raised his ledger to 7-1 with an impressive 70-second knockout of 142-pound Cleveland resident Darren Yates (4-4). Miller knocked his man to the ropes with lefts and rights to the body until a screaming left hook to the ribs drove Yates to the canvas for the full count.
Promoter: Jerry Thomas.
Commissioner: Jimmy Columbo.
Referee: Billy Tibbs.
Judges: Ron Abbott, Stan Epler & Bill Oaks.
Timekeepers: Mike Beckett & Gordon Monroe.
Announcer Steve McCoy.
Attendance: 350 (est.).
(9-12-87)

LEE GROVES

CANADA

▶**SYDNEY—Sydney Centre 200**—Willie Featherstone, Canadian light heavyweight champion from Toronto, won the Commonwealth title by scoring a decision over Enoch Ghama, Zambia, over 12 rounds.
In the 64-year history of Commonwealth light heavyweight title bouts, Featherstone becomes the fourth Canadian to win the title.
Extremely tall for a light heavyweight at 6-7, Ghama carried a reported record of 14-0 into the bout and took the fight to Featherstone for the first four rounds. He was very strong and aggressive, continually throwing punches. Midway through the fifth round, Featherstone, at 171, began to move forward and counter well. The Canadian continued to score well during the middle rounds and in rounds eight, nine and 10 unloaded his best shots on the Zambian champion, who at times was hurt but did not go down. The final two rounds were fought at close range with little to choose between the fighters.
At the final bell a majority decision was handed down to Featherstone. The post-fight medical revealed Featherstone had suffered an ear injury and he was placed on 90-day suspension by the medical authorities.
On the undercard, Tony Morrison, Toronto, repeated his previous win over Mike DeVito, Ohio, in a light heavyweight 10.
In a welterweight eight, Wayne Gordon, Lower Sackville, won a unanimous decision over Cleveland's Reuben Torres.
Local heavyweight Norman Logan, Dartmouth, had an early evening when Art Card, Ohio, KO'd him in just 25 seconds.
George Munroe, Halifax, stopped Toronto's Harper Cooke at 2:19 of the first in a light heavyweight bout.
The promoters worked hard on this promotion, but the paid attendance was disappointing. Attendance figures for Canadian promotions have fallen off alarmingly. The only two that draw good at the box office are Willie de Wit and Shawn O'Sullivan.
Promoter: Joe Rigetto.
Attendance: 2,000.
(9-12-87)

▶**TORONTO—Malton Arena**—A pair of 10-round welterweight bouts headed a six-bout card.
DeWith Frazier, Toronto, padded his mediocre record to 9-0-1 by scoring a third-round KO over outclassed Mark French, Milwaukee. French had no intentions of staying around for 10 rounds.
In the co-feature Rick Souce of Toronto had control of his bout against Ohio's Bobby Jones. One knockdown was scored by Souce in the eighth, but Jones stayed in there to lose a unanimous decision.
Brad Jefferies, Windsor, was a decision winner over Durin Harris, Brampton, in a lightweight six.
Pat McWilliams, Scarborough, scored a KO over mismatched Kevin France, Ohio, in a welterweight bout.
Light heavyweight Donnell Wingfield, Brampton, had no problems winning an easy unanimous decision over Cleveland's James Wilder.
In a mixed bout boxer Albert Dumas, Brampton, and kick-boxer Derrick Edwards, Toronto, fought to a draw. The match was fought under regular boxing rules.
Attendance: 1,500 (est.).
(9-10-87)

▶**EDMONTON—Northlands Agricom**—A sellout crowd witnessed Canadian heavyweight champion Willie de Wit, 210, Grand Prairies, successfully defend his title by scoring a KO over Edmonton's Ken Lakusta, 215, at 2:32 of the fifth round.
Lakusta made the mistake of fighting in close and paid the penalty during the first four rounds as the champion dealt out heavy body punishment. In the fifth, three hard left hooks to the body of Lakusta dropped him to his knees. Ten seconds later referee Barney O'Conner stopped the fight.
The 32-year-old Lakusta, with a record of 25-11, announced his retirement after the bout. The victory, de Wit's second since his second-round KO loss to Bert Cooper, improved his record to 17-1-1.
"My trainer, Jackie McCoy, told me after the second round that Kenny was opening up for the body shots, and for once I listened and did what I was told," said de Wit. "This is a very satisfying win. I proved a lot to myself, and I'm pointed in the right direction again.
"I don't feel I need too much of a break before I fight again," de Wit added. "We're looking at somebody in the top 10, maybe Trevor Berbick or Tony Tubbs. It's time to move up another notch."
Over eight rounds, Kelly Perlette, 161, Spruce Grove, stopped Les Wisniewski, Calgary, 35 seconds into the final round of a tough, hard fight to raise his record to 6-0.
Over six rounds, Johnny Johnson, 148, Dallas, was far too experienced for Edmonton's Jimmy Cheung, 148, scoring a fourth-round KO. Johnson is 12-3, Cheung, 5-3-2.
Edmonton's Stan Cunningham, 145, needed just 2:50 to drop Calgary's John Polinsky, 145, three times before referee Kim Mah stepped in and wisely called a halt. Cunningham is 4-1.
A scheduled eight-round bout between Danny Lindstrom, Fort McMurray, and Tony Curovic, Ohio, was canceled when Curovic did not meet the requirements of the Edmonton Boxing Commission.
Promoter: Willie de Wit Enterprises.
Referees: Ward, Mah, Smart & O'Conner.
Judges: Willox, Berry & Sutton.
Timekeepers: Blacklock & Kitchen.
Physicians: Sollbach & Schwarz.
Announcer: Newans.
Attendance: 5,700. Gate: $81,000.
(8-24-87)

▶**NOTES**—All Canada Sports canceled its card scheduled for Toronto on August 25. When it was first announced that Toronto's Remo DiCarlo would meet Mark Adams, Parrsboro, N.S., for the vacant Canadian lightweight title, it failed to draw a yawn from Toronto fight fans. One fighter slated for the undercard withdrew

and Danny Winters, Parrsboro, was also taken off when it was discovered he was under suspension. In an effort to boost the sagging interest in the promotion, a hasty press conference was called, but most of the news handed out promoted All Canada Sports rather than the fighters. The main event was not even mentioned. To save further embarrassment the promotion was scrapped three days prior to its scheduled date. DiCarlo, faced with problems making the 135-pound limit, poor ticket sales and a sub-standard undercard Toronto fans wouldn't buy, had nothing to say about the cancellation. Despite all the erroneous statements made by All Canada Sports concerning the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation, the promoting group was fully conversant with the rules and regulations governing Canadian championship bouts when it made application for a championship sanction to promote the scheduled bout . . . Former Canadian welterweight champion Ricky Anderson has been appointed by the provincial government as an information officer for the Nova Scotia Commission on drug dependency . . . Middleweight Muhammed Eltassi faces charges of living off the avails of prostitution. If convicted, Eltassi could be deported back to Lebanon. It is the second time he has faced the prospect of deportation. The first occurred in September, 1985, when he was convicted on breaking and entering charges. An appeal board stayed that order in January.

FRANK ALLNUTT

MEXICO

▶**MEXICALI**—In a long-awaited showdown to determine the Frontier's numero uno featherweight, Juan "Kid" Meza and Leonard "Lenny" Valdez finally hooked up in the Mexicali bullring.

The scheduled 10-rounder had just gotten underway when Meza floored Valdez just 15 seconds into the first round. After a second knockdown and a barrage of punches, referee Martin Denkin stopped the brief, one-sided match.

Meza, who held the WBC super bantam title just a couple of years ago, now is searching for a featherweight title bout.

Promoters Dean Gettleson and Denkin were very pleased with the turnout of 9,800 and plan a series of monthly shows in Mexicali.
(8-28-87)

MIGUEL SANCHEZ

BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**TIJUANA**—Raul "Jibaro" Perez, 118, TKO'd Gaby Canizales, 118, in nine rounds.
Antonio "Tanaka" Gonzalez, 125, outscored Mario Alberto Rodriguez, 125, in 10.
Rufino Lugoo, 112, outpointed Luis Fernando "Pringa" Hernandez, 112.
Rolando Rodriguez TKO'd Vincente Trujillo in three.
(7-6-87)

GUERRERO

▶**ACAPULCO**—Javier Lucas, 112, stopped Artemio Ruiz, 112, in three.
(7-14-87)

JALISCO

▶**GUADALAJARA**—Alberto "Hungaro" Martinez, 118, TKO'd Arturo Mendoza, 118, in eight to retain his Mexican bantamweight title.
(7-31-87)

FEDERAL DISTRICT

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Mauricio Villegas, 207, whipped Arturo "King Kong" Diaz, 204, in 12 to retain his Mexican heavyweight title.
Porfirio "Killo" Hernandez, 125, won from Ricardo "Aztequita" Mendez, 126, in 10.
Javier Blasi, 147, TKO'd Ricardo Davis, 147, of Panama, in three.
Josefino Suarez, 118, TKO'd Ruben Gallegos, 118, in five.
Juan Hernandez, 135, won from Jose Castro, 135, in four.
Jose Ulloa, 135, whipped Ernesto Villalba, 134, in four.
(7-4-87)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Eduardo "Lalo" Torres, 118, TKO'd Santiago Caballero, 118, Venezuela, in three.
Armando Castro, 118, TKO'd Carlos de la Paz, 118, in one.
Diego Herrera, 112, decisioned Gregorio Castaneda, 112, in eight.
Rogelio Montenegro KO'd Blas Romero in five.
Colin Smith, 125, won from Jerome de la Cruz, 124, in four.
(7-11-87)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Santos "Apache" Moreno, 135, won by disqualification over Juan Garcia, 135, in three.
Victor Manuel Rabanales, 118, TKO'd Javier Herrera, 118, in five.
Benito Eligio TKO'd Jorge Calderon in two.
Eduardo Cruz, 135, TKO'd Jose Sanchez, 135, in two.
Javier Vazquez, 147, and Javier Ulloa, 145, drew in four.
(7-18-87)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Former WBA welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas, 158, TKO'd Daniel Valenzuela, 157, in six.
Roger Arevalo, 131, TKO'd Ramon Flores, 131, in five for the vacant Mexican junior lightweight title.
Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 137, KO'd Rigoberto Lopez, 137, in six.
Humberto "Chiquita" Gonzalez, 112, knocked out Juan Manuel Diaz, 112, in two.
Jorge "Maromero" Perez, 118, TKO'd Refugio "Cuco" Alvarado, 118, in seven.
(7-25-87)
▶**MEXICO CITY**—Raul Acosta TKO'd Arturo Ramirez in three.
Clemente Flores decisioned Concepcion Velazquez in eight.
Goyo Flores and Jose Luis Soto drew in six.
Raul Martinez Mora TKO'd Cesar Delgado in three.
Jorge Encisco TKO'd Mario Castillo in one.
Alejandro Morfin TKO'd Jesus Galicia in two.
Porfirio Bocanegra TKO'd Cesar Mujica in two.
(7-31-87)

QUINTANA ROO

▶**CHETUMAL**—Yucatan lightweight champion Gaspar Pool, 135, chilled Tony Morales, 135, in three.
"Pirul" Lopez, 118, bested Tony Mendoza, 118, in six.
(7-4-87)
▶**CANCUN**—Carlos "Calin" Castro, 118, won over Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz Jr., 118, in 10.
Ermilio "Milo" Mena, 135, decisioned Miguel "Macho" Camacho, 135, in 10,
Paco Ramirez embalmed Francisco Cuevas in three.
(7-18-87)

SINALOA

▶**CULIACAN**—Ray "Azteca" Morales, 147, TKO'd Sergio Valles, 147, in seven.
Ricardo Mijares chilled Memo Vasquez in five.
(7-3-87)
▶**LOS MOCHIS**—Jesus Mora KO'd Chano Sandoval in one.
(7-9-87)
▶**LOS MOCHIS**—Mauro "Betillo" Gutierrez, 126, decisioned Bruno Rabanales in 12 to retain his Mexican featherweight title.
(7-26-87)

SONORA

▶**OBREGON CITY**—Jesus Gomez, 118, won over Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz Jr., 118, in 10.
Carlos Maciste, 147, KO'd Israel Urias, 147, in three.
(7-10-87)

YUCATAN

▶**MERIDA**—Fernando "Candelita II" Varguez, 112, chilled Alejandro Sanabria, 112, in two.
Javier, "Candelita I" Varguez, 108, won over Lalo Ramirez, 108, in 10.
Cristobal Gamboa, 122, TKO'd Adalberto Gomez, 123, in three.
Oscar Gallegos, 126, TKO'd Santiago Pacheco, 125, in one.
Juan "Panterita" Gonzalez, 112, and Victor "Pulguita" Villanueva drew in four.
(7-18-87)
▶**MERIDA**—Jose Damian, 108, won over Jose "Polvorita" Perez, 109, in 10.
Juan Diego Arjona, 112, chilled Javier Figueroa, 112, in three.
Jose Juan Xool, 117, TKO'd Martin Segovia, 118.
Mateo Pacheco, 112, won over Armando Medina, 112, in four.
Juan Solis KO'd Leonardo Baeza in one.

ZACATECAS

▶**ZACATECAS CITY**—Javier Martinez TKO'd Ramon "Chino" Cardenas in six.
Herminio Delgado, 130, TKO'd Manny Lopez, 121, in nine.

EDUARDO AMER

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**RIO GALLEGOS**—José Mario López outclassed Antonio Ibañez in 10, feathers.
(7-3-87)
▶**CALETA OLIVIA**—Adolfo Arce Rossi outpointed Sergio Combis in 10, welters.
(7-3-87)
▶**SALTA**—Ricardo Nuñez halted Héctor Luquez in three, middleweights.
(7-3-87)
▶**SANTA ROSA**—Argentine junior middleweight champion Hugo Marinangeli stopped Domingo Sosa in the second.
(7-3-87)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Marcelo Di Crocce halted Antonio Fernando Dacosta in 10, welters.
(7-4-87)
▶**VILLA ADELINA**—South American junior flyweight champion Mario Demarco outpointed Roberto Ledesma in 10.
(7-8-87)
▶**DOLORES**—Osmar Avila outclassed Raúl Gómez in 10, feathers.
(7-10-87)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Daniel Dominguez outpointed Daniel Ochoa in 10, middleweights.
(7-11-87)
▶**TANDIL**—Argentine light heavyweight champion Néstor Giovannini knocked Miguel Maldonado out in the seventh.
(7-17-87)
▶**CORONEL PRINGLES**—Argentine cruiserweight champion Daniel Neto halted Alberto Barragán in seven.
(7-19-87)
▶**CATAMARCA**—Raúl Roque Bianco outpointed Argentine lightweight champion Luis Soto in 10, non-title bout
(7-24-87)
▶**SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO**—Antonio Guzmán and Hugo Escudero drew in 10, feathers.
Roberto Villalba halted Walter Bustos in the second, light heavyweights.
(7-24-87)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—In a great upset, Miguel Francia outpointed José Mario López in 12 rounds to win the Argentine featherweight title.
(7-25-87)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Hugo Corti outpointed Roberto Ruiz in 10, middleweights.
(7-31-87)
▶**MENDOZA**—Pedro Armando Gutiérrez halted José Ricardo Gil in 10, lightweights.
(7-31-87)

BOLIVIA

▶**LA PAZ**—Argentine Faustino Barrios halted Bolivian Alberto Quilla in nine to retain his South American junior lightweight title.
(7-31-87)

BRAZIL

▶**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian, South American and Continental American heavyweight champion José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues outpointed American Mike Jameson in 10.
(6-21-87)
▶**SAO PAULO—Ibirapuera Gymnasium**—On the undercard of the Adilson Rodrigues-Bonecrusher Smith heavyweight bout, Brazilian bantamweight champion Joao Cardoso stopped Argentina's Carlos Mayorca in the eighth round.

Brazilian welterweight champion Helio Santana and Brazilian featherweight kingpin Sidnei Dal Rovere each scored a first-round triumph, Santana stopping Argentina's Ramon Juarez, while Dal Rovere halted Argentinian Neris de Guardia.

Wilson Goncalves decisioned Paulo Ribeiro in a six-round bantamweight scrap.
(8-9-87)
▶**SALVADOR**—Luiz Carlos Dorea became the new junior wel-

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terweight champion of Brazil with a 10-round TKO victory over Jiesi Maciel.

Brazilian middleweight Reginaldo Santos won a 10-round decision over Argentina's Jorge Santana.
(8-14-87)

KALED CURI

CHILE

▶**OSORNO**—Jaime Miranda stopped former world challenger Martin Vargas in seven for the Chilean flyweight title. Vargas retired after the bout.
(6-26-87)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Benito Badilla halted Ramón Machuca in five, bantamweights.

On the undercard, Bernando Mendoza won the vacant Chilean junior bantamweight title by knocking Victor Fuentealba out in the second.
(7-10-87)

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA—Tomas Suri Salcedo Basketball Stadium**—New Colombian sensation Francisco Tejedor, 112, scored a TKO over Victor Sierra, a Colombian living in Panama, when Sierra failed to respond to the bell for the sixth round.

Tejedor, "The Colombian Chocolate," outboxed and outpunched Sierra, who suffered a facial injury and a cut left eye in the second round.

Wilson Fontalvo, 129, gained an unpopular four-round decision over Gonazlo Saldana, 129, Santa Marta. Fontalvo, of Barranquilla, won 39-38 and 38-37, with the third card reading 39-39.

Jose Bermudez, 142, scored a unanimous eight-round decision over Cartagena's Caludio Salgado, the votes reading 79-76, 80-78 and 80-77.

Anibal "Suzuki" Miranda, 149, Barranquilla, KO'd Bartolo Perez, 149, Monteria, in the fifth of a scheduled eight.

Pedro Padilla, 141½, San Basilio, scored a five-round KO over Cartagena's Cesar Teran, 140. Teran dropped Padilla with a left hook to the chin in the fourth, but Padilla ended the bout in the next round with the same punch.

Felipe Casseres, 129, scored a three-round TKO over Adolfo de Leon, 129.

Promoter: Pugilismo Promotion.
Referees: Luis Estrada & Carlos Maria.
Attendance: 6,500 (est.).
(9-4-97)

▶**CARTAGENA—Cartagena de Indias Bullring**—In a good match Luis "Chicanero" Mendoza, 122, San Onofre, took a split 10-round decision from Daniel Blanco, 122, San Onofre.

Tomas Molinares, 153, Cartagena, knocked out Simon "Cholito" Ramos, 150, Cartagena, in two. Ramos subbed for Venezuelan Antonio Guerra.

Rafael Pineda, 135, Colombia, outpointed Ildemar Paisan, 138, Venezuela, over 10 rounds. The Venezuelan arrived just six hours before the bout.

Uriel Londono, 108, Medellin, gained an unpopular split decision over Barranquilla's Robinson Quiroz, 108.

Pedro Mendoza, 123, won a four-round decision over Jackson Becerra, 123.

Jose Salinas outpointed Gaspar Guzman over four. Each weighed 147.

Rafael Zuniga, 126, stopped Moises Almanza, 127, in the fifth.
(9-4-87)

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GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall**—Defending national bantamweight champion Michael Parris retained his crown with a lopsided, unanimous 12-round decision over Lyndon Profitt.

Profitt, who matched Parris' 118 rounds, did little but hold the entire fight. Meanwhile, Parris pounded him with a wide assortment of punches.

Former national junior middleweight champion Wayne Harris, 153, put on a superb display against Charles Crawford, 172, before stopping Crawford at 2:25 of the eighth round of their scheduled 10. A left uppercut dropped Crawford in the fourth and by the eighth he had blood gushing from a cut above his left eye.

An action eight had Gordon Trotman, 114, winning by unanimous vote over Lalta Narine, 118. These two brought the crowd to its feet.

Gary Richardson, 122, made a successful pro debut, knocking out Wayne Coates, 118, at 2:43 of the second.

Lyndon Harris, Wayne's younger brother at 138, was not as lucky in his pro bow, losing a six-round unanimous decision to Wayne Briggs, 128.

Promoter: Ringside Promotions.
Physicians: H.C. Hugh & Roy Anderson.
Timekeeper: John Quail.
Referees: Green, Fernandes, Adams & Jardine.
Judges: Arno, Adams, Jardine, Fernandes, Busby & Thorne.
Announcer: Alan La Rose.
(9-13-87)

WILL BOODHOO

URUGUAY

▶**MONTEVIDEO**—South American cruiserweight champion José Maria Flores Burlón outpointed Argentine Juan Carlos Rodriguez in 10.
(7-10-87)

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▶**VIENNA**—Junior middleweight Fathi Aziz of Tunisia scored a quick win over Austria's Franz Hohl when the referee stopped the contest in the first round.

In a welterweight match, Manfred Findenig of Austria stopped Dusan Radosavljevic in the seventh.
(6-2-87)

BELGIUM

▶**SPA**—Luigi Ricci scored a 10-round decision win over Yves Monsieur in a cruiserweight bout. Both are from Belgium.
(6-13-87)

GERMANY

▶**BAD HOMBURG—Tennis Bar Club**—In the main event, the darling of the fight game in Germany, 33-year-old Rene Weller, the domestic lightweight champion, decisioned the Austrian champion Manfred Findenig in an eight-round verdict.

The German was cut high over the left eye, a laceration that was a severe handicap and required stitches. The cut appeared dangerous and was inspected frequently by ring physician Dr. Walter Wagner.

Weller, who hopes to end his career with a return bout with Dane Gert Bo Jacobsen, who took Weller's European lightweight crown on a cut stoppage in 1986, has lost only one of 44 starts.

German light heavyweight domestic champion Graciano Rocchigiani remained unbeaten in 19 starts, stopping Morocco's Ahmed Laghiali in Round Two. A short left hook to the chin decked Laghiali in the opener and in Round Two the German third man, Kurt Stroer, called a halt after the visitor had survived a count but was unable to defend himself. Rocchigiani embarked on that most optimistic of fistic ventures, the comeback, having been out of action 18 months nursing an arm injury.

German heavyweight hope 25-year-old Robert Meyer met 35-year-old Yugoslav Nowak Radanovic, the action being one-way traffic with the German doing most of the forcing and landing. Radanovic took three standing counts from Stroer, but stayed the full course of six rounds only to lose the decision.

Cruiserweight Nelson Alves, a foreign import now a German citizen, completely outclassed Turk Miraky Zorlu before knocking him out with a left hook to the head in Round Two.

Promoter: Ebby Thust.
Matchmaker: Ebby Thust.
Attendance: 200.
(9-14-87)

JACK TREE

ITALY

▶**TEULADA**—Paolo Tocco, 146, scored a six-round decision victory over Diego Martinez, 153.

Roberto Soddu, 141, registered a three-round TKO win over Robert Tatoon, 140, Tatoon being unable to continue due to a cut.
(7-31-87)

▶**OSTIA**—Light heavyweight Mauro Galvano posted a six-round decision over Ndomingiedi Lusikina.
(7-31-87)

▶**ASIAGO**—Luca De Lorenzi, 134, stopped Bruno Demontis, 135, in the first round of a match for the Italian lightweight championship.

Welterweight Za Dindia Mbeke stopped Roberto Usai in the third round.

Renato Biagio Zurlo scored a three-round TKO over Mohamed Lazmany in a welterweight contest.

Middleweight Giovanni De Marco won an eight-round decision over Nazario Mariotti.
(8-1-87)

▶**SAN FELICE CIRCED**—Piero Morello won a 12-round decision over Antonio Renzo for the Italian junior lightweight championship.

Junior welterweight Guillermo Zuniga Mosquera knocked out Faical Naifer in the second round.

Pietro Ciarla stopped Hassen Maghraoui in the seventh round of a welterweight battle when Maghraoui was cut and unable to continue.

Michele Di Luisa scored a four-round decision over Tinda in a middleweight go.
(8-2-87)

▶**COMACCHIO**—Massimiliano Duran, 180½, stopped Mamlaven Ferljic, 181, in the third when Ferljic's corner threw in the towel.

Jose Luis Limpio, 149¼, won a six-round decision over Sergio Bologna, 151¾.
(8-8-87)

▶**SALERNO**—Cesar Polanco of the Dominican Republic stopped Italy's Franco Cherchi in the sixth, Cherchi's corner throwing in the towel to end the first-ever match for the WBC super flyweight junior world title.

Polanco, a former IBF super flyweight champion, floored the former European flyweight champion in the first round, then put him down for good in the sixth with a series of combinations.

Cherchi's only previous loss inside the distance came to Charlie Magri in October, 1985, when Magri regained the European flyweight title with a two-round KO.

Maurizio Stecca, 126, improved his record to 26-0 with a two-round KO of Jose Hernandez, 126.

Loris Stecca, 126¾, improved to 47-2-2 with an eight-round decision over Ricky West, 127½.

Gianni DiNapoli, 127, made it seven KOs in seven starts, stopping Bofunga Eymono, 129, in four.

Maurizio Lupino, 118, notched a six-round decision win over Jose Juarez, 118.
(8-16-87)

SWITZERLAND

▶**BERNE**—After having endured such a lengthy drought, the Swiss suddenly had something to crow about in Mauro Martelli and Enrico Scacchia.

Martelli won the European welterweight crown with a decision over Spain's Alfonso Redondo last June. The 24-year-old Scacchia lost a European middleweight title shot to Frenchman Said Skouma in November, 1985, but was nominated for a shot at another European crown, this time the light heavyweight title held by 29-year-old Dutchman Alex Blanchard.

The two met before a crowd of 3,500, but another crown for Switzerland was not forthcoming. Scacchia failed to leave his corner for Round Nine, being completely exhausted. He had courage and character, but was progressively discouraged and unhappy knowing all was lost.

Blanchard, Europe's longest serving champion, took a couple rounds to sum up the hometowner, then fists began to fly in the third. Scacchia did the attacking, with Blanchard scoring with his left jab and straight rights.

In the fifth, Scacchia was cut under the right eye and in frame eight his left eyelid was lacerated. At the close of the eighth, the chief ringside physician inspected the cuts, but gave the all-clear signal. But Scacchia had other views and did not leave his stool when the bell sounded for the ninth.

All three officials had the champion two points ahead at the time of Scacchia's retirement.

Blanchard won the championship May 28, 1984, dethroning Richard Caramanolis. He has defended five times. Managed by Henk Ruhling, Blanchard has lost just once (to Rudi Koopmans) and has three draws since becoming a professional in 1979.
(8-15-87)

JACK TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**LONDON—York Hall**—Hughroy Currie, 233½, former British heavyweight champion, kayoed Welsh champion Chris Jacobs, 216½, Swansea, at 2:55 of Round Two in a scheduled eight. A left hook did the trick. Referee Mike Jacobs.

Derek Williams, 231, Peckham, outpointed Jess Harding, 212½, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 78½-78 after eight twos. A very close one.

Jimmy Harrison, 146, Wandsworth, stopped Joe Lynch, 150, Plymouth, referee Jacobs intervening at 1:35 of Round Three in a scheduled eight twos when Lynch had gone down for the second time.

Mike Russell, 134, Plymouth, outpointed Mark Bates, 131½, Stanford-le-Hope, referee Reg Thompson scoring it 59½-58 after six twos. Bates was down three times.

Debutant Levi Stephenson, 148½, outpointed Brian Butler, 150¼, Australian-born, West Ham-based, referee Thompson calling it 59½-58 after six twos.

Ian John-Lewis, 148, Gillingham, outpointed Roy Callaghan, 147¾, referee Thompson scoring it 59-58½ in a close six twos.
(6-25-87)

▶**SWANSEA—Mayfair Suite**—Terry Magee, Belfast-born, Ammanford-based, 153½, won the vacant All-Ireland light middleweight title by knocking out Seamus Casey, Alfreton, 154, in Round Six with a right to the jaw. Magee did well to overcome the handicap of a torn ligament in his right arm.

Mike Harris, 154½, Swansea, outpointed Franki Moro, Liverpool, 159½, who came in as a two-days notice substitute. Referee Roddy Evans scored it a narrow 78½-78 after eight.

Carl Parry, 121½, outpointed Jimmy Lee, 127, Blackburn, referee Evans casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

Shaun West, 163, Pinxton, stopped Gary Pemberton, 154½, Cardiff, referee Basett intervening midway through Round Two in a scheduled six twos after Gary had been floored twice.

Darren Hobson, Leeds, 164½, narrowly outpointed debutant Neil Burder, 155, Gorseinon, referee Bassett casting it 59½-59 after six twos.
(6-23-87)

▶**LONDON—Royal Albert Hall**—Ray Minus Jr., 117, kept his Commonwealth bantamweight title by stopping Sean Murphy, 117¼, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 2:05 of Round Five in a scheduled 12 after Murphy had been down twice. Minus was in complete control and overcame the handicap of a closed left eye from Round Three. Murphy was game enough, but it was only his eighth fight, and it showed.

Nigel Benn, 163¾, West Ham, kayoed Leon Morris, of America, 150½, in only 25 seconds of the opening round in a scheduled eight. Referee Paul Thomas. It was Benn's fourth first-round win in six bouts.

George Collins kept his unbeaten record by stopping American Ray Coleman, 148, referee Sid Nathan calling a halt at 1:47 of Round Five in a scheduled 10 with Coleman still upright but under pressure.

Debutant Damien Denny, former Irish amateur international star, 148, kayoed Manny Romain, Edinburgh, 149½, with one second left of the opening round. Referee Paul Thomas.

James Oyebola, 216, Paddington, outpointed Welshman Andy Gerrard, 212, referee Thomas scoring it 59½-58½ after six.

Debutant Tony Collins (brother of George), 149, Yateley, beat Terry Vosper, 144, Plymouth, referee Thomas calling a halt near the end of Round One in a scheduled four when Vosper was cut by the left eye.

Tommy Shiels, 150, West Ham, stopped Kelvin Mortimer, 147, Thondda, referee Thomas intervening at 2:03 of Round Three of a scheduled six when Mortimer was cut by the left eye and under pressure.

These bouts were on the undercard of the Terry Marsh/Akio Kameda title fight.
(7-1-87)

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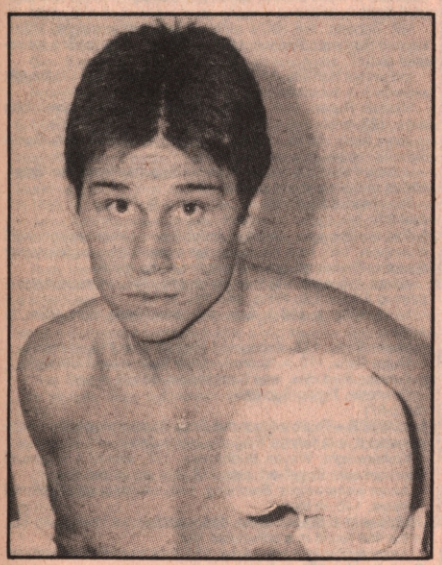

A rare card in Tasmania saw Troy Waters win the British Commonwealth junior middle crown with a fourth-round TKO over defending champ Lloyd Hibbert.

▶HOBART—West Point Entertainment Centre—Australian junior middleweight Troy Waters boxed like a coming world champion to dispose of England's Lloyd Hibbert in Round Four. With his victory he gathered the Commonwealth junior middle crown worn into the ring by Hibbert.

Hibbert is a fast boxer. He won the major points of Round One. He was punching faster than Waters but Troy solved him in that three minutes, took over, decked Hibbert near the end of Round Two, and that put the writing on the wall.

Waters did not make a mistake in Round Three. He directed his punches well. He boxed superbly. He did not go berserk when he shook Hibbert—he just continued in the same unruffled style. A left from Waters in Round Four shook Hibbert but the champ fought back. Then came a right uppercut from Waters. Down went Hibbert.

Waters played yo-yo with Hibbert. A series of fast blows decked Hibbert for the second time in the round. Up, Hibbert ran into more trouble than cartoon character Flash Gordon. Down he went from a right to the jaw, his third trip to the canvas in Round Four. Referee Malcolm Bulner immediately stopped the contest, rescuing Hibbert at 1:57 of the round. Waters scaled 151¾, Hibbert 153.

Waters ran his pro record to 8-1, his only loss being a points decision to In-Chul Baek for the OPBF title in Korea in 1986. Troy's father-trainer Cec hollered loud and long about the decision in that one.

Hibbert's loss brought his record to 20-4.

Over eight rounds, Dean Waters, brother of Troy, scored a comfortable win over Englishman Andrew Gerrard. Not a thrilling bout, it was willing, fought mostly at close range. Dean Waters, who is the Australian heavyweight champion, won 78-74, 78-72, 80-71 on the cards of judges Cliff Heaver, Bryan Membrey and Johnny Wheeler. Referee was Jim Boland. Waters scaled 211¼, Gerrard 218¾.

In the only other contest on the bill, Australian light heavyweight champion Guy Waters (brother of Dean and Troy) halted England's Tommy Taylor in Round Four, the stoppage being made at the end of the round, reason being a badly swollen eye suffered by Taylor. Referee Johnny Wheeler stopped the contest on the advice of ringside doctor Lou Lewis. Waters led on points. Weights: Waters 171, Taylor 175½.

The program was promoted by Bill Mordey's Classic Promotions. It was the first professional boxing program staged in Tasmania in years.
(8-15-87)

VICTORIA

▶MELBOURNE—Festival Hall—Australian lightweight champion Lester Ellis, formerly IBF world junior lightweight champ, won every round of his bout with American Tommy Cordova. Referee Malcolm Bulner rescued Cordova in Round 10. Cordova took a count in Round Eight, a standing count in Round Nine, and a count in Round 10. Cordova revealed courage and a willingness to fight aggressively but was outclassed. Ellis 136½, Cordova 135¼.

This was billed as the main event despite it being scheduled for 10 rounds while the "main support" featured a 12-round Australian and Commonwealth welterweight titles tilt between defending champ Brian Janssen and challenger Wilf Gentzen. This was a great battle, the fight of the year to date. Gentzen won the titles with a split decision, judge Cliff Heaver scoring 114-114. Judges Jim Boland and Chris Anderson each carded 116-112 in favor of the challenger. Janssen congratulated Wilf, paid compliment to him over the microphone and urged Melbourne fight fans to get behind Wilf. Good sportsmanship. Each scaled 146¾.

Paul Delosa, 138½, met Nick Hatzil, 139¼, over 10 rounds for the vacant Victorian State junior welterweight title. Delosa won when referee Chris Anderson disqualified Hatzil in Round 10 for using his knee as a weapon. No excuse for such rough action by Hatzil. Delosa was ahead on points.

Four rounds: Guy Murdoch, 165¼, outpointed Chris McKenzie, 156½.

Cos Sita's Superstar Promotions staged the program.
(8-28-87)

▶FITZROY—Central Hall—New South Wales State lightweight champion Renato Cornett shocked his opponent Gary Clark, the South Australian champion, when he unloaded a blindingly fast combination in Round Two for a countout at 52 seconds of the stanza. Cornett came in at 130 as he wants to fight for the Australian junior lightweight title. Clark was 135.

Three sixes supported. Billy Stevanoski, 145½, halted Johnny Retsus, 143¼, in Round Four. No knockdowns but Retsus was being punished.

Arzan Basic, 238, won a split points decision over Islander Moli Kaufusi, 202¾, who boxed this one as "Young Louis." Louis was down in Round Four.

Bob Drummond, 187½, outpointed Barkam Korman, 187½.

Dave Wellings promoted.
(9-6-87)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶MT PRITCHARD—Community Club—Charlie Lewis 138¼, won a unanimous points decision over former Australian lightweight champion Billy Mulholland, 138, to take the vacant NSW State junior welter crown. Scores were 96-95, 99-94, 98-94. John Cauchi refereed. It was an interesting contest. Lewis crowded Mulholland, not allowing Billy room to apply his skill to the fullest extent.

In an eight-rounder, John Taupau Junior (often listed here as Joe Taupau to distinguish him from his brother who also calls himself John Taupau) outpointed Robbie Newton. Taupau weighed 157¾, Newton 154¼. Close, two judges carding for Taupau—77-76 and 78-76. The other judge saw it 77-76 in favor of Newton.

Six rounds: Richard Riley, 126¾, outpointed Robin Foster, 129, in a very good encounter.

Four rounds: Darren Mees, 163, outpointed Adam Clarke, 158¾.

Shane Fleming, 165½, outpointed Mick Langanke, 163¼.

Promoter: Frank Axisa.
(8-19-87)

▶GOULBURN—Workers Club—Peter Mitrevski, 113, and Alan Whitten, 112¾, met over 12 rounds to decide the vacant Australian junior bantam title but after the encounter the throne remained vacant because the decision was a draw. Judges John Wright and John Thompson each carded 114-114. Judge Don Marks saw it Mitrevski's way 117-115. Very good fight.

Six rounds: Darren Mees, 158¾, outpointed Roland Stamplair, 165¼.

Four rounds: Darren Goodwin, 142¼, scored a three-round KO over Craig Brown, 132¼.

Promoter: Tony Rok.
(8-29-87)

▶DAPTO—Leagues Club—Apollo Sweet, 190¾, outpointed John Taupau, 195¼, over 10 lackluster rounds.

In the main support over eight rounds, Australian flyweight champion Wayne Mulholland, 114¾, produced a punch that he had never displayed before. That was in Round Five when he flashed in a hook that decked John Carlo Dabbene, 115¾. Referee Johnny Wright tolled the dismal decimal. Dabbene was on the floor for about a minute and a half.

Over six rounds, John Taupau Jr. (Joe), 158¾, outpointed Robbie Newton, 155½.

Darren Mees, 161, outpointed Roland Stamplair, 169¾.

Four rounds: Vito Gaudiosi, 156½, outpointed Dave Stevens, 146½.

Three rounds: Sean Bonic, 159¾, outpointed Shane Wilson, 157½.

Promoter: Frank Axisa.
(9-11-87)

QUEENSLAND

▶HAYMAN ISLAND—Big upset: Steve Renwick lost his Australian and Australasian junior middleweight titles to local Steve Peel. Referee John Cauchi scored Renwick the winner, 116-115, but unknown judges Tony Beck and Tony Barbagallo came up with Peel the winner, 120-114, 118-117.

Peel later relinquished the Australasian title (title between Australia and New Zealand) so that Renwick and John Siriotis can contest that title in Darwin September 18. Renwick was to have defended both titles against Siriotis but blew it. Peel sportingly gave up the Australasian crown. Winner of the Renwick-Siriotis bout will meet Peel in Darwin in a few weeks time with one title in each corner.
(8-22-87)

AUSSIE OVERSEAS

▶AUCKLAND, New Zealand—Paul Toweel, highly rated in middle and junior middle divisions in Australia, upended Samoan Teuane Naea in the first round. Toweel scaled 158, Naea 156½. Billed for 10 rounds.
(8-26-87)

RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

▶AUCKLAND—Hyatt Kingsgate Centre—Australia's Paul Toweel, 159½, ended his scheduled 10-rounder with Samoa's Teuane Naea, 156½, in just 2:28.

Both opened crisply and it appeared fans were in for a lively encounter when a beautiful short left hook to the chin dropped Naea for an eight count. On rising, the Samoan defended well until driven into the ropes where a right to the jaw sent him down again. Naea beat the count but was in such bad condition that referee Eddie Manuela stopped the contest.

If there was an award for best six-round fight of the year, then surely it would be given to New Zealand's Rocky Aumatangi, 160¼, and Samoan Pilau Taito, 165. They put on a bout consisting of superb sustained action throughout, with heavy hitting

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2. Frank Bruno (England)
3. Tony Tubbs (US)
4. Tony Tucker (US)
5. Jose Ribalta (US)
6. Michael Spinks (US)
7. Pinklon Thomas (US)
8. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
9. Tim Witherspoon (US)
10. Adilson Rodriguez (Brazil)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (US)
1. Jose Burlon (Uruguay)
2. Dwight Qawi (US)
3. Henry Tillman (US)
4. Boone Pultz (US)
5. Ricky Parkey (US)
6. Ossie Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
7. Lee Roy Murphy (US)
8. Sammy Reeson (England)
9. Michael Greer (US)
10. Toufik Balbouli (France)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Don LaLonde (Canada)
2. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
3. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
4. Marvin Johnson (US)
5. Virgil Hill (US)
6. Ramzi Hassan (US)
7. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
8. Tony Willis (US)
9. Eddie Davis (US)
10. Rufino Angulo (France)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
3. Iran Barkley (US)
4. Marvin Hagler (US)
5. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
6. Michael Olajide (Canada)
7. Michael Nunn (US)
8. Robbie Sims (US)
9. Frank Tate (US)
10. Juan Gimenez (Paraguay)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
2. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
3. John Mugabi (Uganda)
4. Buster Drayton (US)
5. Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
6. Donald Curry (US)
7. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
8. Carlos Elliott (Japan)
9. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Republic)
10. Milton McCrory (US)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Maron Starling (US)
1. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
2. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
3. Mark Breland (US)
4. Maurice Blocker (US)
5. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)
6. Tyrone Trice (US)
7. Jorge Vaca (Mexico)
8. Simon Brown (US)
9. Rollin Williams (US)
10. Tommy Ayers (US)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Juan Martin Coggi (Argentina)
1. Frankie Warren (US)
2. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
3. Harold Brazier (US)
4. James McGirt (US)
5. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
6. Tsuyoshi Hamada (Japan)
7. Rodolfo Gonzales (Mexico)
8. Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)
9. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
10. Tek N'Kalankete (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
1. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
2. Pernell Whitaker (US)
3. Frankie Randall (US)
4. John Duplessis (US)
5. Meldrick Taylor (US)
6. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
7. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
8. Livingstone Bramble (US)
9. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
10. Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Brian Mitchell (South Africa)
1. Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
4. Barry McGuigan (Ireland)
5. Harold Knight (US)
6. Lupe Suarez (US)
7. Jim McDonnell (England)
8. Salvatore Curcetti (Italy)
9. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
10. Daniel Londas (France)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
1. Jose Marmolejos (Panama)
2. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
3. Calvin Grove (US)
4. Valerio Nati (Italy)
5. Hector Lopez (Mexico)
6. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
7. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
8. Mauricio Stecca (Italy)
9. Steve Cruz (US)
10. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Louie Espinosa (US)
1. Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)
2. James Pipps (US)
3. Jose Sanabria (Venezuela)
4. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
5. Loris Stecca (Italy)
6. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
7. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
8. Julio Gervacio (Dominican Republic)
9. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
10. Mark Horikoshi (Japan)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Chan-Yong Park (Korea)
1. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
2. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
3. Raul Perez (Mexico)
4. Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
5. Frankie Duarte (US)
6. Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)
7. Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
8. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
9. Hurley Snead (US)
10. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)
1. Kong Payakaroon (Thailand)
2. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
3. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
4. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
5. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
6. Elly Pical (Indonesia)
7. Kiyoshi Hatanaka (Japan)
8. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
9. Sung-Kil Moon (Korea)
10. Thanomsak Singboebae (Thailand)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
1. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
2. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Rep.)
3. Duke McKenzie (England)
4. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
5. Paul Gonzales (US)
6. Orlando Canizales (US)
7. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
8. Kenji Matsumura (Japan)
9. Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)
10. Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
1. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
2. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
3. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
4. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
5. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
6. Wilibaldo Salazar (Mexico)
7. Humberto Gonzalez (Mexico)
8. Leo Gomez (Venezuela)
9. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
10. Roy Thompson (Panama)

from both. Taito took two eight counts, Aumatangi one, before Taito emerged a unanimous decision victor.

The fans showed their appreciation as early as Round Three when coins started to shower the ring. At the final bell the canvas was literally awash with silver coins and five and 10 dollar notes. Even the promoter gave each a $50 bonus for the excellent scrap which saw Aumatangi start well only to see Taito fight him tooth-and-nail to finish the stronger.

Reputed world-class Fijian Aisea Nama, 212, made heavy going of it to unanimously outpoint constant loser Rocky Salanoa, 222, New Zealand, in a boring 10-rounder.

Osafua Putu, 180, Samoa, opposed Fiji's David Rava Rava, 191, in a scrappy six-rounder that saw both swinging punches with few of consequence landing. Referee Ali Afakasi raised Rava Rava's arm at the conclusion as split decision victor.

Fiji's Luka Joel, 179, had previously been split decisioned by New Zealand's Sai Gasio, 174, and was out for revenge in their scheduled six-round rematch. He didn't get it. A heavy southpaw left dropped Gasio for a count in the opening round and for the next three rounds they fought earnestly. Midway through the fifth Joel was dropped by a fearsome right to the jaw that not only knocked out his mouthguard but also a couple of teeth. While taking the count, a rather bemused Joel somehow retrieved his teeth, cupped them in his glove and started walking to his corner at which point referee Johnny Hanks declared Gasio a TKO victor.

Penu Rasmussen, 156, a 19-year-old from New Zealand, took a unanimous six-round decision over Samoan Toss Lelei, 161. Both punched solidly, but the better boxing technique and variety of punches were displayed by Rasmussen.

Promoter: Arthur Collins.

Referees: Ali Afakasi, Johnny Hanks & Eddie Manuela.

Attendance: 1,600.

(8-26-87)

JOHNNY HANKS

ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶**SURABAYA**—Kay Siong, 146¾, successfully kept his Indonesian welterweight crown by stopping Agus, 146½, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12.

In a companion title go, Valentino, 153½, won a unanimous decision over Moh Solikin, 153¾, to retain the national junior middleweight title in 12.

Thai Seikun Narachavat, 131½, TKO'd Tubi Lee, 129¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Dhad Donjadee, 105, polished off Risdiyanto, 109¼, in the first session of a scheduled eight.

Super Boy Eakwaat, 129½, unanimously decisioned Eddy Sadaka, 128¾, in eight.

Sulasmanto, 114½, won from Sukardi, 115¼, in six.

Kid Manguni, 104¼, outpointed Hudi, 104½, in the six-round opener.

Promoter: Harry Effendy.

(7-12-87)

▶**SURABAYA**—Martin Kasangke, 125¾, pounded out a unanimous decision over Daud Jordan, 124¾, in eight.

Nontice, 110¼, was also a unanimous points victor over Taufik Bathi, 108¼, in eight.

Yudit Kurniawan, 114¾, suffered an upset kayo by Maryanus, 115, in the second session of a scheduled six.

Hadi Ismanto, 107, drew with Little Manguni, 109¼, in six.

Momon, 128¼, won a unanimous nod over Aspat Pattipelohy, 125¾, in six.

Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(7-15-87)

▶**KRAKSAAN, PROBOLINGGO**—Udiyana, the Indonesian Commission's top middleweight contender, 156¼, knocked out Valentino, 154½, in the third session of a scheduled eight.

Ponidi, the IBC's #5 junior flyweight, 108¼, won a unanimous decision over Susiadi, 107, in six.

Sulasmanto, 114¼, outscored Maryanus, 112, in eight.

Totok, 121, knocked out Sugerray Ramchie, also 121, in the third round of a scheduled six.

Asuma Rachman, 111¾, took a unanimous duke from Khamid, 110, in six.

Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(7-25-87)

▶**SURABAYA**—Monod, the Indonesian Commission's top junior featherweight contender, 122¼, was surprisingly knocked out by Robby, the #3 contender, 121½, in the third round of a scheduled 10.

Preliminaries: Pipino Sihombing, 120¾, unanimously decisioned Little Holmes, 123, in eight.

Yani Hagler, 115¾, won a unanimous nod over Anang Sustiawan, 118, in eight.

Wahab Bahari, the IBC's #9 mini-flyweight contender, 105, disposed of Daud Sanusi, 104¼, in the second round in a scheduled eight.

Gill Roberto, the IBC's eight-ranked featherweight, 125¾, kayoed Rachman Priyono, 126, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Yohannes Nanlohy, 117¾, stopped Monroe, 118¼, in the fifth session in a scheduled six.

Hassan Husen, 139, took a unanimous decision over John Jaya, 135, in six.

John Ireng, 103½, fought to a technical draw with Dance Talanila, 102¾, in a scheduled six.

Johnny Pelor, 105, was a unanimous points winner over Godril, 106¼, in the six-round opener.

Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(8-8-87)

▶**PALU**—Bongguk Kendy, Indonesian junior welterweight champion, 140, kept his crown by a unanimous decision over Suwarno Perico, ex-national kingin at 140, in 12.

Juhari, Indonesian lightweight champ, 135, unanimously outpointed Filipino Lito Pena, also 135, in 10.

Nana Suhana, 108¼, won over John Gana, also 108¼, in eight.

Yunus Tiran, 112, decisioned Markus, also 112, in eight.

Mulya Gana, 112, outscored Johnny Tece, also 112, in eight.

Tubiyas P., 115¼, won from Macan, 115¼, in six.

Promoter: Tinton Suprapto.

(8-22-87)

▶**JEMBER**—This card featured Four-Round Indonesian Championship II, a la Novice King tourney in Japan and Korea.

Welterweight: Wayan Budhayasa, 147, scored a first-round knockout over Engelbert, also 147, in a scheduled four.

Junior welterweight: Bambang, 140, unanimously decisioned Sanjaya, 140, in four.

Lightweight: Susied Gana, 135, knocked out Herry, also 135, in the first round in a scheduled four.

Junior lightweight: Hery Arier, 130, took a unanimous nod over Ganitala, also 130, in four.

Featherweight: Ambrusio, 126, was declared a winner as his contestant failed to fight him that night.

Junior featherweight: Darmaji, 122, was a unanimous points winner over A. Gaspar, 122, in four.

Bantamweight: Sugiono, 118, won from Nuryanto, also 118, in a unanimous four.

Junior bantamweight: Kid Zamora, 115, was awarded a unanimous verdict over Oladio, 115, in four.

Flyweight: Ginono, 112, scored a fourth and final round TKO over Basuki, 112.

Junior flyweight: Pohan, 108, unanimously outpointed Hamin, also 108, in four.

Gim Suryaman, 105, polished off M. Djani, 105, in the first round in a scheduled four.

Six-rounders: Rudi Batho, 105, kayoed Bernadi, also 105, in six.

Suroso, 118, decisioned Slamet, also 118, on a unanimous nod.

Eight-rounders: Mintohadi, 112, outscored Ponidi, also 112.

Sambung, 126, was also a unanimous points victor over Julius Rarung, 126.

Promoter: Ny. Insjah Tumanken.

(8-22-87)

▶**BANYUWANGI**—Hudi, the Indonesian #3 mini-flyweight, 104, pounded out a unanimous decision over Julius Leojan, 105, in 10.

Ryan Pady, 138¾, outscored Darso Sugriwo, 137¼, in 10.
Bernard, 112½, stopped Pelni Rompies, 111, in the sixth session in a scheduled 10.
Preliminaries: Pipino Sihombing, the IBC's #4 junior featherweight, 120¼, outpointed Boy Sugar Ray, 122, in eight.
Johnny Pelor, 101¼, won over Dance Talanila, 101¼, in eight.
Eddy Naulu, 119¼, decisioned Wisnu Dewo, 122, in six.
Benny Rompies, 104½, won from Little Zombie, 104¾, in four.
Promoter: Moestari.

(8-23-87)

▶MOJOKERTO—Robby, the IBC's third-ranked junior featherweight, 121¼, scored a fourth-round kayo of Adam Suwadji, 124, in a scheduled eight.
Six-rounders: Susiadi, 104¾, won over Kid Manguni, 105¾.
Jhon Ireng, 104¾, unanimously decisioned Godril, 106¾.
Puma, 105, outpointed The Bronx, also 105.
Taufik Bathi, 110, outpointed Nurhadi, 110¼.
Aries, 108¼, won from Dwi Sukarno, 110¼.
Hadi Ismanto, 106, decisioned Reng Reng, 107.
Bongkel, 114¼, took a decision over Little Manguni, 110½.
Moch. Adam, 125¾, unanimously beat Bagong, 126¼, on points.
Suwadji Tirta, 116¾, defeated Totok, also 116¾, by a unanimous nod in the opener.
Promoter: Harry Effendy.

(8-29-87)

▶BANDUNG—Indonesian flyweight champ Ippo Gala, 110½, kept his national throne by taking a unanimous decision over Little Pono, 112, in 12.
Little Holmes, the IBC's fifth-ranked junior featherweight contender, 121¼, won a unanimous nod over Boy Kelung, 122, in 10.
Preliminaries: Mega Camacho, 132¾, outscored Jack Murdi, 135, in eight.
Asep Rosidi, 123¾, won from Oscar Taula, 123½, in six.
John Gana, the IBC's #11 junior flyweight, 108, was a unanimous points winner over Wahyudi Hagler, 105¾, in six.
Ceppy, 122, decisioned Cho Cho, also 122, in four.
Haryanto, 105½, unanimously outpointed Jilly Limena, 108¼, in the four-round opener.
Promoter: Iwan D. Kartawijaya.

(8-29-87)

▶MALANG—Juhari, Indonesian lightweight champ, 134, defeated ex-OPBF junior lightweight champ Rod Sequenan, a lefty Filipino, 137¾, by a unanimous decision in 10.
Ryantoha, 122¼, the IBC's #3 bantamweight, took a unanimous nod over Kace Tomasoa, 121, in 10.
Preliminaries: Gill Roberto Santos, the Indonesian eighth-ranked featherweight, 126, knocked out Tino Candra, 125½, in the first round of a scheduled eight.
Michael Arthur, 116¼, was given a unanimous verdict over Yani Hagler, 117¾, in eight.
Hudi, 105, won from Nico Thomas, 104¾, in eight.
Gim Suryaman, 110¼, decisioned Nanggala, 110½, in the six-round opener.
Promoter: Tinton Suprapto.

(9-5-87)

▶SURABAYA—The OPBF middleweight champion Polly Pasireron, 159¼, successfully kept his crown over Japanese titlist Masaharu Owada, 158¼, in the seventh session in a scheduled 12 via a TKO victory. Polly took the OPBF throne via a fourth-round kayo over Korean defending champ Kyung-Min Nah in 1985, but lost it to Bok-Yul Kim, Korea, via a 12-round decision in January of the previous year. Pasireron recaptured the diadem from Suwarno (who had dethroned Kim). The 29-year-old lefty Indonesian is 13-5-1 with five kayoes.
Rudy Haryanto, an interim featherweight champ of Indonesia, 132, knocked out Eddy Sakaka, 131¼, in the fourth session of a scheduled 12.
Former IBF world junior bantamweight champ Elly Pical, 115½, made a successful comeback after a bad kayo by Kaosai Galaxy as he scored a fine knockout over Sukardi, 116, in the fourth session in a scheduled eight.
Thai Seikun Narachavat, 129¾, took a unanimous decision over Hengky Gun, Indonesian junior lightweight champ 128¼, in 10.
John Arief, the national mini-flyweight champion 106¾, was awarded a unanimous decision over Thai Ded Donjadee, 107¼, in 10.
Chamid, 110½, lost to Budi Santoso, 111, in a unanimous six.
Promoter: Eddy Pirrih.

(9-6-87)

JOE KOIZUMI AND P. TETIJADI LAKSONO

JAPAN

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—On a good card featuring an encounter of Japanese and Thai flyweight champions, Leopard Tamakuma, a tall lefty Nipponese, 113½, impressively halted Petchainat Donjadee, 112½, at 2:34 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10. Leopard, the WBC's ninth-ranked contender, has scored 10 consecutive wins and improved his credentials to 19-3 with six kayoes. Donjadee, 20, is 23-13 with 13 KOs.
Tomoaki Kobayashi, the JBC's third-ranked bantamweight, 119¼, hit the deck once, but downed Hisao Ishido, also 119¼, five times and chalked up a TKO victory at 1:57 of the seventh round in the semifinal 10. Kobayashi is 10-3 with four KOs. Ishido fell to 11-2-1 with six kayoes.
Promoter: World Sports & Kokusai Promotions.

(7-20-87)

▶TOKYO—Ryogoku Sumo Arena—Mexican Rene Arredondo, 139¾, regained the WBC super lightweight title by halting Tsuyoshi Hamada, also 139¾, at 0:51 of the sixth session in a scheduled 12.
In the semifinal eight, Carlos Elliott, the OPBF junior middleweight champ, 155, won a onesided decision over Francisco Ferrer, Filipino welterweight boss, also 155, in eight.
Yoshiyuki Mizoguchi, the JBC's top welterweight contender, 150, disposed of Filipino Mon Desoloc, also 150, at 0:28 of the fifth session in a scheduled eight. His one-two combination was a haymaker
Promoter: Teiken Promotions.

(7-22-87)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Former amateur lightweight champ Takeyuki Akagi, 129, made a successful pro debut as he knocked out Shinji Kobayashi, a lefty puncher, 130, with a smashing body shot at 2:33 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.
Masayuki Takahashi, the JBC's second-ranked flyweight, 111¾, took a unanimous decision over Masami Okamura, 111¾, in six.
Eiji Kikuzaki, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender, 145½, and Hiroyuki Motohashi, 145½, fought to a technical draw due to the latter's bad gash by an accidental butt in the second round of a scheduled six.
Yoshifumi Kitajima, 146, decisioned Hiroyuki Yoshino, 145¾, in six.
Promoter: Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions.

(7-23-87)

▶MATSUYAMA—Ehime Prefectural Gymnasium—Misunobu Goda, a local favorite, 125½, knocked out veteran switch-hitter Osamu Kazuo, 123¾, at 2:21 of the first round in a scheduled 10.
Goda is now 8-1 with seven kayoes.
Tatsuya Sugi, the JBC's ninth-ranked junior bantie, 117¼, drew with Osamu Fukumoto, 117¾, in eight.
Promoter: Aiken Matsuyama Promotions.

(8-2-87)

▶SHIMIZU—Suzuyo Gymnasium—Japanese lightweight champ Iwao Otomo, 135, kept his throne by demolishing Shirk Ishirhara, also 135, at 2:46 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.
It was Otomo's second defense since dethroning Cheyenne Yamamoto via a kayo route this year. He is 13-1-1 with 12 kayoes. Otomo is a rough-and-tumble Rocky Graziano stylist.
Yasuyuki Fukuda, 134½, stopped Minoru Kujo, a veteran lefty, 135, at 2:41 of the third round in a scheduled eight.
Promoter: Mitsuyama Promotions.

(8-8-87)

▶SAPPORO—Nakajima Sports Center—Ex-Japanese junior lightweight champ Tiger Michigami, 136½, outpointed Katsumi Nonoguchi, also 136½, in 10.

(8-9-87)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Hard-punching Akinobu Hiranaka, 139¾, made short work of Naoki Ito, a six-foot challenger, 140, flattening him at 1:48 of the first round in a scheduled 10. It was Hiranaka's fourth defense. He is 11-0 with 10 kayoes, but needs to improve his skills.
In the semifinal 10, Yoshiyuki Nojima, former Japanese junior flyweight champ, 108, knocked out Norikazu Kawana, 108, at 2:50 of the third round.
Promoter: Yonekura Promotions.

(8-11-87)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Mitsuru Sugiya, 125¼, regained the Japanese featherweight title for the second time as he scored a TKO win over taller lefty Yasuo Jinde, 126, at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Sugiya had lost his title due to his unexpected loss to Filipino Lion Ari under the 126-pound limit on June 23 last. The Japanese Commission stripped him of the national title according to its rules.
Former Japanese middleweight champ Mugen Kawasaka, 154½, caught Toshinori Matsuyanagi, 153¾, and finished him at 1:05 in the second round of a scheduled 10.
Promoter: World Sports Promotions.

(8-17-87)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Fusao Imai, Japanese junior lightweight champ, 130, scored with busy combinations and won a unanimous decision over Yoshitatsu Nakazato, 129, in 10.
Imai succeeded in his second defense since he decked an upset victory over Tiger Michigami on March 26.
Bruce Kyoda, the JBC's sixth-ranked junior lightweight, 130, amazed the crowd with a stunning first-round knockout of Takao Sakuma, also 130, at 3:07 in the semifinal 10. Sakuma, ex-All Japan Novice King tourney winner, became a flattened pancake by the winner's right cross.
Promoter: Kyokuto Promotions.

(8-25-87)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Takashi Shutto, the Japanese Boxing Commission's top ranked junior featherweight, 125¾, suffered an unexpected knockout at the hand of Akira Urakawa, the JBC's #8 featherweight, 126, at 1:16 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.
It was a tuneup go for Shutto prior to his scheduled crack at the OPBF throne held by Korean Hi-Yun Chung. Shutto, previously fighting under the name of Takashi Komori, was dejected, but the contract of the OPBF title bout had been signed by both parties. So, he will fight Chung in his quest for the title.
Shutto, a taller boxer, is 9-6-1 with six kayoes. The upset victor Urakawa improved his log to 7-2-1 with five KOs. Kodai Kumazaki refereed.
Six-rounders: The semifinals of A-Class Prize Tourney (where the JBC's ranked contenders fight in six rounds) had the crowd on its feet. Kenji Iizumi, the featherweight top contender, 126, dropped veteran Katsuji Sano, 126, with southpaw right hooks in the first round and took a close but unanimous decision.
Noboru Ogiwara, 126, was awarded a majority decision over Toshimitsu Ano, also 126, in six. Ogiwara is still unbeaten at 10-0-1 with four KOs. Ano is 7-6-1 with four kayoes.
Eiji Oyama, the #7 lightie at 134, was a TKO winner over Mutsumi Suzuki, 134, due to the latter's bad gash at 2:40 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Oyama, a lanky boxer, is 13-3-3 with eight kayoes.
Hideya Yamashiro, a slow but powerful puncher, 135, scored a furious TKO win over ex-Japanese champ Wolf Sato, 133, at 1:00 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Yamashiro was behind on points, but his vaunted power dropped Sato and the referee called a halt.
Toyokazu Sekito, 118, unanimously decisioned Keiichi Ozaki, also 118. Sekito is 8-3-1 with seven kayoes.
Promoter: Misako Promotions.

(8-27-87)

▶SAGAMIHARA—A rare card for Japan featured U.S. heavyweight competitions.
Andres Smith, 196¼, proved much better than Mike "Destroyer" Tyson (not the WBC, WBA and IBF champ), 208, scoring a TKO win at 2:25 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Andres is 9-0 with seven kayoes. Mike fell to 7-3 with three KOs.
Lionel Washington, 233, disposed of John Ellis, 208, at 1:05 of the second session in a scheduled eight.
Levi Billups, 231, floored Robert Quarry, the younger brother of Jerry Quarry, 206, winning a unanimous decision (78-75, 78-74 and 78-73) in eight. Levi is 6-3 with four kayoes. Robert fell to 9-3-1 (five KOs).
Promoter: Yonekura Promotions in association with Sagamihara Club.

(8-22-87)

▶TSUCHIURA—Tsuchiura Sports Center—Yoshihiro Yamaguchi, 113½, chalked up a TKO win over Makoto Sawamura, also 113½, at 1:43 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.
Tomio Shibata, 122, outscored Tu Sasaki, also 122, in six.
In an East Japan Shinjin-o (Novice King) tourney, unbeaten lightweight prospect Katsumi Miura, 135, ran his log to 7-0 with as many kayoes by finishing Kiyotaka Satomi, also 135, at 2:39 of the second round in a scheduled four. Unique enough, Miura is also a student at a professional golfers' school. Which way will he go?
Promoter: Yamaguchi Tsuchiura Promotions.

(9-5-87)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Having been beaten by Jung-Koo Chung in his quest for the WBC light flyweight title in Korea last year, ex-Japanese champ Hideyuki Ohashi, 108, dropped Yasutaka Sakurai, 107½, and won a unanimous decision (double 99-96 and 98-95) in 10.
Sakurai, formerly an amateur ring star, befuddled Ohashi with his busy combinations. But Ohashi's power punching and constant aggressiveness wore Sakurai down, carrying him to a well-received victory.
Ohashi, 22, is 7-2 with four kayoes. Sakurai, 23, is 5-2 with no KOs.
Kazuya Kano, an underdog rated 10th in the junior featherweight class by the JBC, 121½, scored a dramatic kayo of Hiroshi Shinmyo, a lefty boxer, at 0:30 of the 10th and final round.
Shinmyo, the Japanese #8 bantie, hit the deck in rounds one and five, but his retaliation was such that he took the sixth to ninth sessions. Kano's straight right was a haymaker, which produced a flattened pancake. Kano, 24, is 11-11-1 with six kayoes. The loser fell to 8-2 with five KOs.
Yoshihiro Yamamoto, 139, exploded a vicious right cross and sank Shinji Hokari, also 139, at 0:45 into the first round in a scheduled four.
Promoter: Yonekura Promotions.

(9-8-87)

▶OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Ring—Ex-WBA world bantamweight champ Takuya Muguruma, 120, survived a second-round knockdown, weakened Filipino Tom Ramos, 118½, with body punches, and knocked him out at 2:49 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.
Muguruma, 26, raised his credentials to 26-2-1 with 20 kayoes. He will fight Chan-Young Park again to try to avenge his defeat of last May for the WBA throne.
Unbeaten Seiji Asakawa, 126, won a majority but popular decision over Masakatsu Sakuma, 124¼, in 10.
Akio Kawamata, an elongated flyweight, 112, TKO'd Hitoshi Taniguchi, 112, at 0:24 into the seventh round in the first 10.
Promoter: Osaka Teiken Promotions.

(9-9-87)

▶HIMEJI—Himeji City Welfare Arena—The OPBF flyweight champ Kenji Matsumura, 111¾, had a tough time due to his bad gashes and swollen eyes, but mixed it up toe-to-toe with Filipino puncher Elysser Bautista, 111¼, and eked out a split decision in 12.

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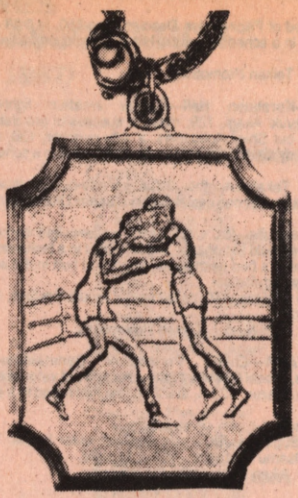

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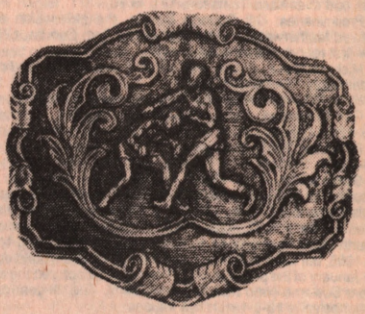

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Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida (Japan) 118-114, Matsumura; judge Nobumitsu Inukai (Japan) 116-112, Matsumura; and Benigno Urquico (Philippines) 117-111, Bautista. *The Ring* saw the affair 117-114 for the defending champ.

It was Matsumura's first defense since he dethroned Thanomsak Sithboabay via a 12-round close decision on May 3 last. Bautista was a much tougher challenger than expected. Moreover, Kenji was bleeding red ribbon from the third round on. Their give-and-take exchanges of solid blows continued until the final round. Each became groggy occasionally. Matsumura, 26, is 7-2 with four kayoes. Elysser is 16-17-3 with 10 KOs.

Matsumura, the WBA's eight-ranked contender, had better improve his defensive skills.

In the semifinal 10, Shigenobu Nakamasa, 117¾, was awarded a fifth-round TKO over Katsunori Nagamoto, 117¾, at 2:33. Nakamasa, the JBC's sixth-ranked junior bantie, didn't look in good shape, but his opponent's profuse bleeding gave him a lucky win.

Promoter: Kakogawa Kobe Promotions.
(9-14-87)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hidenobu Sasaki, the Japanese top middleweight contender, 160, dropped Hideo Kawamoto, also 160, three times and scored a fine stoppage at the end of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

In the semifinal eight, Tadashi Shimabukuro, the JBC's top bantamweight contender, 118¾, scored a fine knockout as he sank Hiroaki Imazu, 118, twice and for the count at 1:54 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Shimabukuro is 15-1-1 with nine kayoes.

Six-rounders: Toshio Kitahara, 118, polished off Yoshihiro Igarashi, also 118, at 2:29 in the first round.

Minoru Mitsui, 127, needed just 48 seconds to demolish Susumu Fuji, also 127, in the first round.

Promoter: Kawakami Shinwa Promotions.
(9-14-87)

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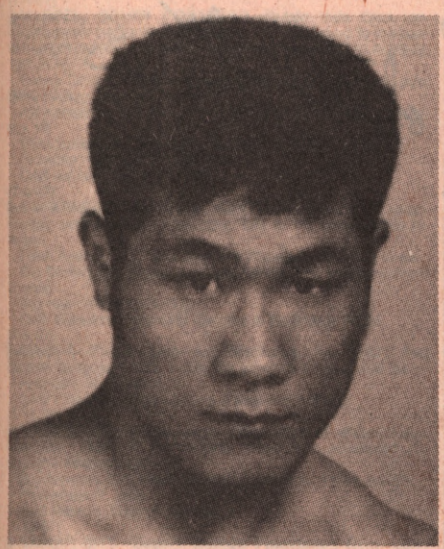

In-Chul Baek upped his pro record to 41-1 with 37 KOs with an easy second-round kayo over mismatched Hideo Kawamoto.

▶**ANYANG—Anyang High School Gymnasium**—In-Chul Baek, the WBA's second-ranked junior middleweight contender, 158½, exploded a well-timed countering right and knocked out Japanese Hideo Kawamoto, 158, at 1:19 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

The bout was a tuneup go for Baek prior to the WBA's eliminator with Julian Jackson in October to decide a new WBA champion. (Mike McCallum relinquished his WBA throne to move up to the middleweight class).

Baek is 41-1 with 37 kayoes. Kawamoto fell to 7-5 with six KOs.

In the semifinal, Korean junior welterweight champ Hong-Kyu Lim, 140, barely kept his title as he was bleeding badly and was held to a technical draw by Kwon-Shik Kim, 139¼, midway in the first round. Lim is 25-3-2 with 17 kayoes. Kim is 5-1-4 with three KOs.

A supporting eight saw an incredible upset. Ki-Youl Kang, former OPBF bantamweight champ, 120, was knocked out by unheralded trialhorse Dubok Cha, 119¾, at 2:20 of the sixth round.

Kang, a stocky puncher, was previously ranked atop by the WBC before he lost his OPBF title to Filipino Ernie Cataluna via an upset kayo route months ago. So, he was matched with a carefully selected opponent with a mediocre 5-3 record and with a three-year layoff for the military service. Kang was floored in the third round, but he dropped Cha in the next session. It became a total war. Kang exhausted his stamina only to be dropped on his knees to be counted out in Round Six.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.
(7-12-87)

▶**BUCHUN—Buchun Industrial High School**—Unbeaten Korean junior flyweight champ Yong-Kang Kim, 110¼, scored an important victory by decisioning Mexican lefty Jorge Cano, the WBC's second-ranked contender, 109¾, in 10. Kang is 13-0 with eight kayoes. Cano fell to 26-5 with seven KOs. The much talented Yong-Kang deserves his entry in the WBA's and WBC's top 10.

Korean welterweight champ Sung-Ho Chang, 147, kept his throne by stopping Sang-Shik Kim, 146¼, at 2:31 of the fifth canto in a scheduled 10. Chang is 8-0-1 with seven KOs. Kim is 9-4-2 with six kayoes.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(7-12-87)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Having failed to win the WBA and IBF junior bantamweight titles from Kaosai Galaxy and Elly Pical, respectively, Dong-Chun Lee, 117¾, showed his solid body punches and halted Filipino Jun Edward, 116½, at 1:41 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. The battered loser turned to his corner and the referee raised the Korean Lee's hand. Lee, the IBF's ninth contender, is 28-7-1 with 16 KOs. Edward fell to 8-3-1 with three KOs.

Promoter: Waryong Promotions.
(7-18-87)

▶**BOUN—Boun Indoor Gymnasium**—The OPBF junior featherweight champ Hi-Yun Chung, 121¾, was awarded a technical decision over Filipino Flash Emmanuel, 121¼, in the sixth round of a scheduled 12. Chun's OPBF crown was at stake. Chun is 19-4-3 with four kayoes. Emmanuel fell to 27-10-6 with 10 kayoes.

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions.
(7-18-87)

▶**POHANG—Pohang Gymnasium**—The IBF world junior featherweight champion Seung-Hoon Lee, 121¾, scored his second defense as he impressively flattened Filipino challenger Leon Collins, 121¼, at 1:23 of the fifth round in a scheduled 15-round title bout.

Lee, a skillful boxer, is 39-6 with 22 stoppages. Collins dropped to 19-3-4 with just two knockouts.

The semifinal saw Byung-Soo Park, 126, wrest the Korean featherweight title by stopping Woo-Chun Kim, 125¾, at 1:11 of the fifth session in a scheduled 10. The newly crowned Park is 22-2-1 with 14 kayoes. Kim fell to 8-3-5 with a KO.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.
(7-19-87)

▶**KWANGJU—Kwangju Indoor Gymnasium**—The IBF super middleweight champ Chong-Pal Park, 168, doubled up Ugandan challenger Emmanuel Otti, 167¾, with wicked body shots and stopped him at 3:08 of the fourth round in a scheduled 15-round title bout. It was Park's eighth defense since he dethroned Murray Sutherland by an 11th-round kayo in July, 1984. Park raised his credentials to 44-3-1 with 38 kayoes. Emmanuel fell to 16-7-1 with 10 KOs.

Former OPBF welterweight champ Jun-Sok Hwang, 156¼, moved up to the 154-pound class and displayed his still awesome punching power in icing Japanese Tadashi Maruo, 154½, at 1:27 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Hwang is 35-4 with 25 kayoes. Maruo fell to 11-11-1 with six KOs.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.
(7-26-87)

▶**SUWON—Suwon Indoor Gymnasium**—Ex-OPBF welterweight champ Seung-Soon Lee, 147¾, appeared for the first time since his upset loss to Yung-Kil Chung and disposed of Filipino Boy Romero, 147½, at 1:12 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Lee is 31-2 with 24 knockouts. Romero is 16-6-2 with eight KOs.

Kyong-Jae Chang, 110¼, the WBC's 30th-ranked junior flyweight, kayoed Nam-Suk Yun, 110¾, at 2:15 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.
(8-1-87)

▶**EIJONGBU—Eijongbu City Hall**—Filipino Geron Porras, the OPBF junior lightweight champion, 130, kept his title by stopping Korean challenger Un-Ei Chung, 130, at 2:27 of the seventh round in a scheduled 12.

They mixed it up continually, but the more experienced Porras battered Chung with a flurry of punches in the fatal session. Chung stood up from a knockdown, but Geron's follow-up was such that a third man wisely called a halt.

Korean mini-flyweight champ Sung-Woo Lee, 103¾, retained his title as he polished off Sang-Shik Chang, 104½, at 2:29 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Lee is 8-1-1 with four kayoes. Chang impaired to 6-6-1 with no kayoes.

Promoter: Hyundai Promotions.
(8-15-87)

▶**MOKPO—Mokpo Gymnasium**—Former amateur World Cup champ Sung-Kil Moon, 116½, pummeled Filipino champ Constancio Dangla, 116¾, into submission at 0:20 into the third round of a scheduled 10.

The battered Dangla refused to come out fighting in the third session. In Korea a boxer cannot retire in the corner between the rounds, so the Korean referee counted out the Filipino loser.

Moon, a most respected prospect in Korea, is 3-0 with as many kayoes. The busy puncher had knocked out Robert Shannon in the Los Angeles Olympic Games and turned pro without waiting for the Seoul Games.

Dangla, the WBA's 10th-ranked contender in the junior bantamweight class, fell to 24-5-2 with eight kayoes.

In the semifinal, Korean junior middleweight champ Sang-Do Chung, 152½, retained the national crown by a decision over Chul-Hyun Kim, 152, in 10. Chung is 12-3 with nine kayoes. The challenger is 4-3.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(8-16-87)

▶**JUMCHON—Moonkyong High School Gymnasium**—The OPBF welterweight champion Yung-Kil Chung, 147, had a tough time in the fourth round, but dropped Japanese junior middleweight champ Nobuyuki Tabata, 146, at 2:58 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12.

It was a hard-fought battle in the heated gymnasium. They were sweating so much that they obviously were exhausted midway in the fight. But the game Chung floored Tabata with a looping left hook in Round Six and finished him in the ninth canto.

Chung, 24, is 23-3-2 with 15 kayoes. Tabata, also 24, is a 6'1" boxer who impaired to 20-6-1 with 18 kayoes.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.
(8-23-87)

▶**CHUNGJU—Chungju Indoor Gymnasium**—Byung-Kwan Chung, the OPBF junior bantamweight champ, 115, dominated the first half of the contest and kept his crown by a majority nod over Japanese swinger Shunichi Nakajima, 114¾, despite losing points in the second half of the 12-round contest.

Scoring: referee Byung-Ahn Park 116-113, Chung; judge Eung-Myung Bae 115-113, Chung; and Japanese judge Takeaki Kanaya, 118-118.

Nakajima was gamely fighting from the start, but was missing plenty due to the elusiveness of the champ. Chung caught him with more accurate punches. From the seventh, the Korean showed a sign of fading and concentrated on counterpunches against the Japanese infighter. The 10th session saw Chung take a penalty owing to his butts.

The bout was Chung's tuneup go for his crack at the WBA throne held by Thai lefty Kaosai Galaxy in Thailand.

Chung is 12-4-3 with three kayoes. Nakajima fell to 11-4 with five KOs.

Kyung-Duk Ahn, the WBC's 10th-ranked junior welterweight, 142¼, proved too ringwise and determined for Pyung-Sup Kim, 142, taking a unanimous decision in 10.

Ahn, former OPBF titlist, improved his log to 23-1 with 10 kayoes. Kim is 4-4-1 with two KOs.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions.
(8-29-87)

▶**KUMI**—Unbeaten Chil-Sung Chun, the WBA's 10th-ranked lightweight contender, 135, showed his fast mobility and punching and was awarded a technical decision over Yoshimitsu Azato, a taller Japanese, 133, midway in the fourth session of a scheduled 10.

Chun, the bronze medalist of the Los Angeles Olympic Games, ran his unblemished log to 8-0 with five kayoes. Azato, ex-Japanese champ, fell to 20-6-1 with 12 KOs.

Sung-Un Song, 136¾, extended his winning streak to 13-0 with three kayoes as he stopped Kang Choi, also 136¾, at 2:36 of the fourth session in the semifinal 10. Choi, the KBC's #8 lightie, is 12-4-1 with six KOs.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(8-30-87)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Korean lightweight champ Bong-Chun Park, 134¼, kept his throne by outscoring Tae-Yong Koh, 135, in 10.

Park, a rather mediocre Korean champ, is 10-9-7 with two KOs. Koh fell to 13-4-3 with five kayoes.

In a companion title go, Chang-Kyun Oh, 118, also retained his title via a decision over Kap-Sup Song, 118, in 10. Oh is 20-4-3 with eight KOs. Song, the KBC's top contender, impaired to 21-4-3 with five knockouts.

In a supporting 10, Heun-Yong Park, the Korean Commission's #5 featherweight, 127¾, kayoed Chang-Bae Ahn, ex-national boss at 127¾, at 0:53 of the seventh canto.

Promoter: Dongil Promotions.
(9-5-87)

▶**SANCHUNPO**—The OPBF junior welterweight champ Sang-Ho Lee, the WBC's third-ranked contender, 139¾, successfully kept his crown by dropping Filipino Pastor Arcaya, 139½, for the full count at 2:36 into the fourth round in a scheduled 12.

Lee, in preparation for his shot at the WBA throne, was aggressive enough from the start, although he had been a cautious counterpuncher. His stinging lefts had Arcaya staggering repeatedly. Lee, studying in the master course in a University, caught him with a wicked left hook followed by short combinations. The loser sank, unable to regain his feet. Lee is 44-1 with 37 knockouts. Arcaya fell to 19-4-3 with nine kayoes.

Promoter: Wonjin Promotions.
(9-12-87)

▶**JINJU—Jinju Students Gymnasium**—Cho-Un Park, the OPBF junior flyweight champ, 108, defended his throne as he took a unanimous decision over Filipino challenger Ademar Amad, also 108, in 12.

Park had failed to win the vacant IBF throne, losing to compatriot Jum-Hwan Choi the previous year. But Park still keeps the OPBF crown and is 18-2-3 with five kayoes. Amad is 14-4-3 with five KOs.

Bi-Won Chung, the IBF's top flyweight contender, 114¼, displayed his ring experience in disposing of Chung-Sup Chun, 114, at 1:38 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Palpal Promotions.
(9-13-87)

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PHILIPPINES

▶**PARNAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Jun Altarejos, the Filipino top mini-flyweight contender, 110, pounded out a unanimous decision over Ariel Samson, 108½, in 10. Vic Valdez refereed.

Boy Granciosa, 127, scored a fine TKO over Hilbert Aragon, 127, at 2:42 of the fourth session in a semifinal 10. Onofre Perez refereed.

Tom Ramos, 119, knocked out Billy Endrena, 118, at 0:41 of the eighth canto in a scheduled 10.

Dionisio Castillo, 145½, TKO'd ex-Filipino champ Mike de Guz-

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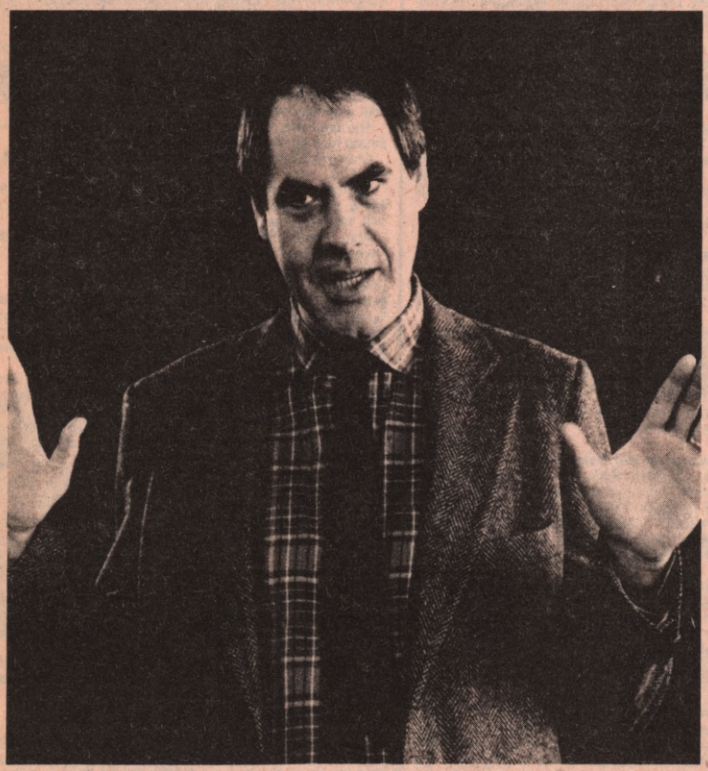

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man, 147, at 1:59 of the sixth session in a scheduled 10.
Wilfred Mendoza, 125, stopped David John, 125½, at 1:19 of the fifth stanza in a supporting eight.
Cris Saguid, 125½, won from Renato Alberto 125, in six.
Ruben Daganan, 114½, outscored Eddie Ordonio, 114, in six.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde.
GAB witnesses: Daz Adriano & Jimmy Pamplona.
(7-1-87)

▶**MALABON—Del Monte Cockpit**—Former Filipino junior featherweight champ Little Bangoyan, 123, won a unanimous decision over Jun Gavero, 122½, in 10. V. Abainza refereed.
One of the brightest prospects in this country, Pretty Boy Lucas, Filipino mini-flyweight champ, 108, ran his unbeaten log to 17-0 by scoring a TKO over Boy Selda, 107½, at 2:25 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10.
Ric Bajelot, 116, fought a technical draw with Bert Baco, 116½, in the second session in a scheduled 10.
Faustino Simbajon, 113, decisioned Kid Ramirez, also 113, in 10.
Joe Labarador, 123½, TKO'd Rod Altarejos, 122, at 1:23 of the fifth canto in a scheduled eight.
Promoter: Marissa Francisco.
GAB witnesses: Rodrigo Perez & Ricky F. Paulino.
(7-3-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Sonny Vidal, 105½, wrested the Filipino junior flyweight crown as he chalked up a TKO win over Tacy Macalos, the defending champ at 107½, in the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Onofre Perez refereed.
Macalos battled Korean Jum-Hwan Choi, the IBF champ, in his quest for the throne and lost a hairline 15-round decision months ago. He had been rated in the WBC's top 30, but suffered an upset loss.
Cesar de la Cruz, the #7 junior flyweight contender of the GAB (Games and Amusements Board of the Philippines), 110, TKO'd Bonifacio Bahian, 109, in the fourth canto of a scheduled 10.
Roger Gamayot, 110, and Roel Durano, also 110, didn't fight well and the fight was declared no contest in a scheduled 10.
Fred Tadena, 149, scored a TKO victory over Ely Casino, 149, in the fifth round in the first 10.
Vic Tinaco, 105, decisioned Jan del Puerto, 104, in six.
Promoter: Carlos Lucing.
GAB Witnesses: Julio Caldoza & Edgar Andanar.
(7-4-87)

▶**MARBEL, SOUTH COTABATO**—Ruben dela Cruz, ex-Filipino junior bantamweight champ, 119, moved up to the bantamweight division and took a unanimous nod over Teo Aradora, 120, in 10.
Danny Ortega, 121, was awarded a majority decision over Gilbert Albay, also 121, in 10.
Kid Kanashiro, 115, won from Cesar Perez, 115, in a unanimous 10.
Efren Beclar, 112, decisioned Ed Adame, 112, in the first 10.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor.
GAB witness: Jaime P. Mata.
(7-4-87)

▶**KAPATAGAN, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Vic Subiza, 127, unanimously outscored Jun Placencia, 126, in 10. Baby Murillo refereed.
Flash Aseser, 116, won from Joe Habagat, also 116, in six.
Boy Ermac, 110, decisioned Little Adonis, 110, in the six-round opener.
Promoter: Roberto Rodrigo
GAB Witnesses: Renaldo Galarpe & Reginaldo Pagul.
(7-4-87)

▶**MANILA—Filaus Gym**—Jun Villablanca, 122, TKO'd Ped Kiawan Bangoyan, 123, in the fifth canto in a scheduled six.
Promoter: M. Tomboc.
GAB Witnesses: Rey Lapena & Vedasto Adriano.
(7-11-87)

▶**TOLEDO CITY**—Celso Areglo, 123¼, stopped veteran Poker Pelegrino, 120¾, in the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Georghe Bitacura refereed.
Boy Aroenas, 118, won from Arnold Lumando, 115¾, in eight.
Promotoer: R. Salu.
GAB witness: George Pitacure.
(7-13-87)

▶**BAGUIO CITY—Baguio College Foundation Gym**—John Matienza, the GAB's seventh-ranked junior featherweight, 121, earned a unanimous decision over Jun Gavero, 123½, in 10. Danny Rodens refereed.
Joe Badongen, 128½, was also a unanimous points winner over Danilo Contad 131, in 10.
Ramon Wasi, 126½, decisioned Richard Agbay, 127, in eight.
Sammy Ansig, 116, barely took a split duke over Pio Bonsoyao, 122½, in eight.
Andy Dumpayan, 119½, won from Lorenzo Formanes, 119½, in eight.
Volatiare Pacuyan, 120, outscored Lord Mariano, 120¾, in six.
Julio Valiente, 130, decisioned Fred Espiritsu, 128½, in six.
Promoter: Raffy Panagan.
GAB witnesses: Leonardo Trinidad & Carlos Roman.
(7-18-87)

▶**DAVAO CITY—CYO Gym**—Arman Pecar, the Filipino top welterweight contender 155, defeated Rey Balaaba, 148, by a unanimous decision in 10. Butalid refereed.
Edgar Apatan, 129, won from Tony Cino, 128, in a unanimous 10.
Promoter: Bonifacio Hilario.
GAB witness: Estanislao Binondo.
(7-18-87)

▶**CAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Danny Ortega, the Filipino top bantamweight contender, 118, took a unanimous verdict from Mario Sumalinog, also 118, in 10.
Romy Bernaldez refereed.
Nick Caputol, 130, fought to a split draw with Jun Placencia, also 130, in 10.
Rico Siodora, 116, decisioned Rudy Rodriguez, also 116, in six.
Arnold Taguran, 112, beat Tony Dagalea, also 112, on points in six.
Promoter: Cesar O. Cinco.
GAB witnesses: Reginaldo G. Pagubo & Reynaldo Galarpe.
(7-18-87)

▶**CEBU CITY—Cebu Coliseum**—Jojo Cayson, Filipino featherweight champion, 125, won a unanimous decision from Rudy Cabiles, 126, in 10. Cayson's title wasn't at stake. George Bitacura refereed.
Constancio Dangla, Filipino junior bantamweight kingpin, 113, barely kept his title via a majority draw with Rey Tarrosa Jr., 114, in 12.
Emiliano Alferez, 120¼, won from Armand Ramos, 123, in 10.
Arnulfo Melencion, 114, decisioned Ross Camedo, 111¾, in 10.
Edgar Cortes, 119½, took a majority nod from Jiper Pahayahay, 117, in six.
Promoter: Rex Wakee Salud.
GAB witness: Aproniano O. Plenos.
(7-18-87)

▶**CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY**—Louie Ilago, the GAB's second-ranked junior lightweight, 130, won a unanimous decision from Flash Ursus, the #6 contender, in 10. Jimmy Galarpe refereed.
Polando Protacio, 110, TKO'd Cecilio Tutor, 109, in the eighth round in a scheduled 10.
Rod Naiconi, the Filipino seventh-ranked flyweight, 113, outscored Ernie Ordaniza, 116, in 10.
Jongjong Perez, 110, won from John Medina, also 110, in 10.
Kid Gella, 122, decisioned Baby Capili, 122, in eight.
Vic Tinaco, 105, scored a TKO win over Janito del Puerto, also 105, in the third round in a scheduled eight.
Jun Salisi, 113, won over Boy Pacamalan, 107, in six.
Promoter: Joseph Denosta.
GAB witnesses: Julio Caldoza & Edgar Andanar.
(7-18-87)

▶**DAVAO CITY**—Roginson Cabusao, the GAB's #5 junior bantamweight, 114, scored a sixth-round TKO over Mike Potolin, also 114, in a scheduled 10. Aleria refereed.
Promoter: Joel Obsioma.
GAB witness: Jaime Mata.
(7-19-87)

▶**OZAMIS CITY**—Mac Espanola, the Filipino fifth-ranked junior featherweight, 122½, was held to a technical draw by Jun Arbas, 123, at 1:10 in the first round in a scheduled 10. Randy Rodrigo refereed.
Rod Naiconi, 115, also drew with Cris Bohos, 115, at 2:15 of the fifth canto in a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Reynaldo Yabut.
GAB witness: Reginaldo Garces.
(7-25-87)

▶**BUENAVISTA, AGUSAN DEL NORTE**—Alvin Salud, 126, fought to a split draw with Noel Cabaltera, 125, in 10. Ruben Burdies refereed.
Joselito Castro, 112, battered Bady "Bong" Dignos, 111, to score a TKO in the third round in a scheduled 10.
Fighting Roger and Flash Simene, both 118, fought to a technical draw in the fifth round in a scheduled six.
Danny Lumanog, 118, TKO'd Jun Almocera, also 118, in the third session of a scheduled six.
Promoter: Quintin Kaamino.
GAB witness: Julio B. Caldoza.
(7-25-87)

▶**ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR**—Allan Baring, the GAB's #7 lightie, 138, took a unanimous duke over Ric Dolotallas, 138, in 10.
Freddie Panerio, 135, TKO'd Jun Uigasan, also 135, in the sixth canto of the semifinal 10.
Rochel Canete, 130, unanimously decisioned Johnny Hernan, also 130, in six.
Promoter: Gervacio Eso.
GAB witness: Reginaldo Garces.
(7-26-87)

▶**LAS PINAS**—Elmer Leonardo, ranked third in the Filipino lightweight ratings, 135¾, unanimously decisioned Gary Milanes, 135, in 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Leonard Ari, 112, took a majority duke over Dingky Jagdon, 112, in 10.
Faustino Simbajon and Kid Ramirez, both 112, fought to a split draw in 10.
Miguel Arrozal, 121¾, earned a majority duke from Con Con Duran, 122, in eight.
Malvin Monsales, 121, won from Bayani Laput, 121, in six.
Gilbert Magada, 130, eked out a split decision over Renato Alberto, also 130, in six.
Promoter: F. Vasquez.
GAB witnesses: Jimmy Pamplona & Rey Lapena.
(7-26-87)

▶**METRO MANILA—L & M Gym**—Gilbert George, 126, pro too powerful for Jimmy Nadalaban, 125, stopping the latter, the sixth session of a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Tomasa Pamilosa.
GAB witnesses: Rodrigo D. Perez & J. Pamplona.
(7-31-87)

▶**TOLDEOD CITY**—Armando Ramos, 123¼, scored a unanimous decision over Ner Binondo, 124, in a scheduled 10.
(7-31-87)

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▶**BANGKOK**—Sakda Srirachamanakorn, the Thai Commission's fifth-ranked mini-flyweight, knocked out Sianchai Kiatsonthaya in the fourth round in a scheduled six. Sakda is unbeaten with a fine record of 11-0 including three kayoes.
(8-4-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Mai Tohonburifarm, the TBC's third-ranked mini-flyweight, became Lumpinee Stadium's junior flyweight champ by stopping Derntup Mortemchamnan in the ninth session of a scheduled 10.
Mai 11-1 with four knockouts, will go to Japan to fight Hiroki Ioka for the vacant WBC strawweight (mini-flyweight) throne in Osaka.
(8-8-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Thanomsak Sithboabay, former OPBF flyweight champion, moved up to the junior bantamweight class and was rated top by the TBC.
He showed his strength in disposing of Daonoi Sissaen in the third round of a scheduled six. Thanomsak, a tall boxer-puncher, is 16-1 with eight knockouts. His dethronement by Japanese Kenji Matsumura was controversial.
(8-13-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Downmai Sithkodom, Thai junior featherweight champ, kept half of his championship, Lumpinee Stadium's crown, by finishing Tantee Kiatawachai in the third session of a scheduled six. Downmai, piloted by influential promoter Sombhop Srisonvongse, is 20-3 with 12 kayoes.
(8-14-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Thai lightweight champ Chan Rungrojana engaged in a non-title bout and easily disposed of Namsak Kiattawachai in the second session of a scheduled six. Chan is 17-3 with 15 knockouts.
(8-20-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Trang T. Bunlerd, the national mini-flyweight kingpin, scored an easy knockout over Saifanoi Por Chaiwat in the fourth round in a scheduled six. Trang is 9-2-1 with three kayoes.
(8-24-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Tepratum Eakchatchaing, the TBC's top junior bantamweight contender, stretched his fine record to 17-1 with 13 kayoes as he stopped Payakpoom Singsarakarm in the fourth canto in a scheduled six. Tepratum's sole loss was given by Surasith Meeprasert, another Thai prospect.
(8-25-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Jimmy Sithpaidang, Thai featherweight kingpin, chalked up a kayo triumph over Kwanchai Sorsirinan in the third round of a scheduled six. Jimmy is 10-2 with five kayoes.
(8-26-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Prabtoranee Luklampakchee, the TBC's third-ranked junior bantamweight, ended his losing run at two as he outscored Loechai Kiatsontaya in six. Prabtoranee is 23-2 with 17 kayoes.
(8-28-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Yodkwan Sornram, the TBC's top junior welterweight contender, scored a first-round kayo of Saended Siswirat in a scheduled six. Yodkwan is 6-5 with five kayoes.
(8-29-87)

▶**BANGKOK**—Thai flyweight champ Petchainat Donjadee barely kept his title via a split decision over Downrun Technicurtaradit in 10.
It was a rematch. Petchainat had acquired the national throne by an upset nod over Downrung in an eliminator for the vacant championship. Since then the champ suffered three consecutive kayo losses, but he regained his zip to repeat a victory over the highly regarded puncher.
(8-31-87)

▶**BANGKOK—Hua Mark Stadium**—Sot Chitalada, the WBC flyweight champion, retained his world throne by lopsidedly disposing of the top contender Rae-Ki Ahn, Korea, in the fourth round.
Chitalada is 13-1-1 with nine knockouts.
In the semifinal, Tongpetch Chor Waikun seized the vacant ABC (Asian Boxing Council) featherweight title by halting Mohamad Hamsankan, a Pakistani boy, in the second round in a scheduled 12.
(9-5-87)

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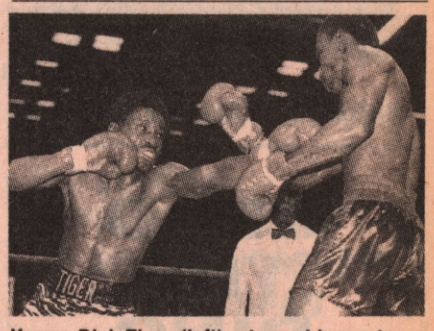

Young Dick Tiger (left) returned home to Nigeria to retain his ABU welterweight title with a ninth-round TKO over "Razor" Addo.

▶**LAGOS—National Stadium**—Young Dick Tiger retained his African Boxing Union welterweight championship with a nine-round knockout of Ghana's Akwei "Razor" Addo before an estimated crowd of 15,000.

Tiger scored a tremendous left to Addo's head, putting the challenger on rubbery legs and prompting referee Magnus Amah to stop the fight at 2:36.

Tiger spent the first rounds working Addo's body before shifting to the head for the clincher.

"That was the plan," said Nnamdi Moweta, Tiger's manager. "We wanted to wear him out with the body punch before moving over to the head."

Addo started well, using his jab to keep Tiger away. But the two went at it in the sixth round with Addo being rocked by a Tiger right to the head, and Addo's weariness was evident in the seventh. A combination by Tiger forced Addo to take a count in the eighth. He was saved by the bell, but the finish was at hand.

Jerry Okorodudu scored a decision over Vadjo Coulibauly of Cote d'Ivoire on the undercard.

Bantamweight Joe Orewa also won by decision, beating Ghana's George Freeman.

Welterweight Tubor Briggs took only three rounds to stop Ghana's Antwi Mohammed.
(7-17-87)

SOUTH AFRICA

▶**MDANTSANE**—Jackie Ndaliso, the Cape featherweight champion, put on a courageous performance before being stopped in the eighth round by Mxhosana Jongilanga for the South African featherweight title.

Jongilanga, making the third defense of his title, came from behind to score with a vicious left uppercut to retain his title in sensational fashion.

Fundile Shushwana successfully defended his Cape bantamweight title with a second-round knockout over Tembile Lubisi.

Former South African junior flyweight champion Mveleli Luzipho scored a sixth-round technical knockout against Mlungwana Mgxaji.
(6-7-87)

▶**FORT HARE (ALICE)**—The Cape junior welterweight champion Julius Mnwana scored a technical knockout in the fourth round over Victor Fata in defense of his title.

Andrew Mathyila outpointed Luvuyo Mtima over six rounds in a flyweight bout.

Former South African junior featherweight champion Nkosomzi Mosas was knocked out in the first round by Jackie Gunguluza.
(6-27-87)

▶**SPRINGS**—Simon Skosana retained his South African bantamweight title on a split decision against Fransie Badenhorst in a ding-dong battle over 12 rounds.

Badenhorst, having his second crack at a national title, started at a fast pace and scored many points with his left jab. He was rather unlucky to lose after a tremendous effort

Badenhorst led on one card, 117-114, but Skosana took the other two votes, 115-113 and 116-113.
(6-28-87)

▶**PORT ELIZABETH**—South African junior flyweight champion Vuyani "Wonderboy" Nene won the championship belt outright when he beat Odwa Mdleleni on a TKO in the ninth round of a scheduled 12.

This bout was fought at a tremendous pace until Nene overwhelmed his opponent with a variety of punches in the ninth to cause the referee's intervention.
(7-5-87)

▶**JOHANNESBURG**—Aladin Stevens, the former South African lightweight champion, scored a convincing knockout victory over Peter Till of England when he stopped the British boxer in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-rounder.

The southpaw Stevens concentrated his attack to the body and it came as no surprise when Till was dropped for the full count by a good left to the body.
(7-19-87)

▶**JOHANNESBURG**—Johnny Du Plooy scored his 15th straight victory when he stopped Tyrone Booze of the United States in 2:22 of the second round.

Du Plooy dropped Booze three times in the second round although the first knockdown looked more like a push. But the two knockdowns that followed resulted from right hands that struck Booze high on the head.

The South African middleweight champion Gregory Clark stopped Milton Leaks of the United States in the second round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Leaks was no match for the fast-punching Clark, who piled on the pressure with lefts and rights to the head until referee Jules van den Hoogen stopped what had become a one-sided contest.
(7-27-87)

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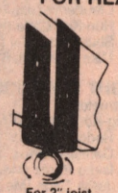

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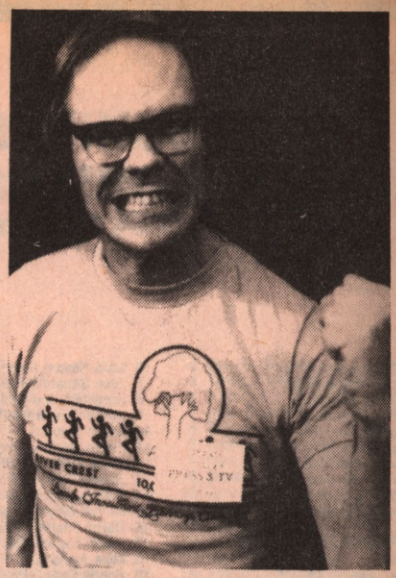

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Apollo Sweet W10 John Taupau
Juan Hernandez W10 Rocky Valero
George Foreman TKO6 Bobby Crabtree
Wimpy Halstead KO1 Lorenzo Boyd
Noel Quarless KO1 Bobby Crabtree
Wimpy Halstead KO3 Danny Ross
Johnny du Plooy KO1 Bennie Knoetze

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Virgil Hill KO4 Leslie Stewart
(Won WBA Title)
Nicky Walker TKO5 Charles Carter
Willie Featherstone W12 Enoch Ghama
Tony Morrison W10 Mike DeVito
Pat Prisco W10 Tony Suero
Barry Audia W10 Gary Thomas
Lindell Holmes W12 Jorge Amparo
Vaughn Hooks KO6 Kelvin Kelly

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Matt Farrago W10 Kevin Brazier
Hidenobu Sasaki TKO4 Hideo Kawamoto
Polly Pasireron TKO7 Masaharu Owada
J.D. Dobbins W12 Brian Grant
Michael Nunn W10 Dale Jackson
Roberto Duran W10 Juan Carlos Giminez
Darrin Van Horn KO3 Norberto Bueno
Tony Montgomery TKO2 Mark Stevens
Tomas Molinares KO2 Simon Ramos
Wayne Harris TKO8 Charles Crawford
Frank Tate TKO6 James Williams
Gianfranco Rosi W12 Lupe Aquino
(Won WBC Super Welterweight Title)
Tony Sibson TKO7 Brian Anderson
Errol Christie TKO1 Rafael Corona
Derek Wormald W10 Sammy Simpson

WELTERWEIGHTS
Mario Rodriguez TKO10 Larry Benson
Sang-Ho Lee KO4 Pastor Arcaya
Mauricio Rodriguez W12 Orlando Orosco
John Meekins KO9 Harold Stewart
DeWith Frazier KO3 Mark French
Rick Souce W10 Bobby Jones
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Bong-Chun Park W10 Tae-Yong Koh
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Rudy Haryanto KO4 Eddy Sakaka
Seikun Narachavet W10 Hengky Gun
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Harold Knight TKO4 Anthony English
Rafael Pineda W10 Ildemar Paisan
Ramon Rico DQ7 Tony Lopez
Tyrone Jackson KO6 Wilmer Ruiz
Terrence Alli W10 Joey Olivera
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Cedric Powell W10 Hugo Espinosa
Brian Mitchell W15 Daniel Londas
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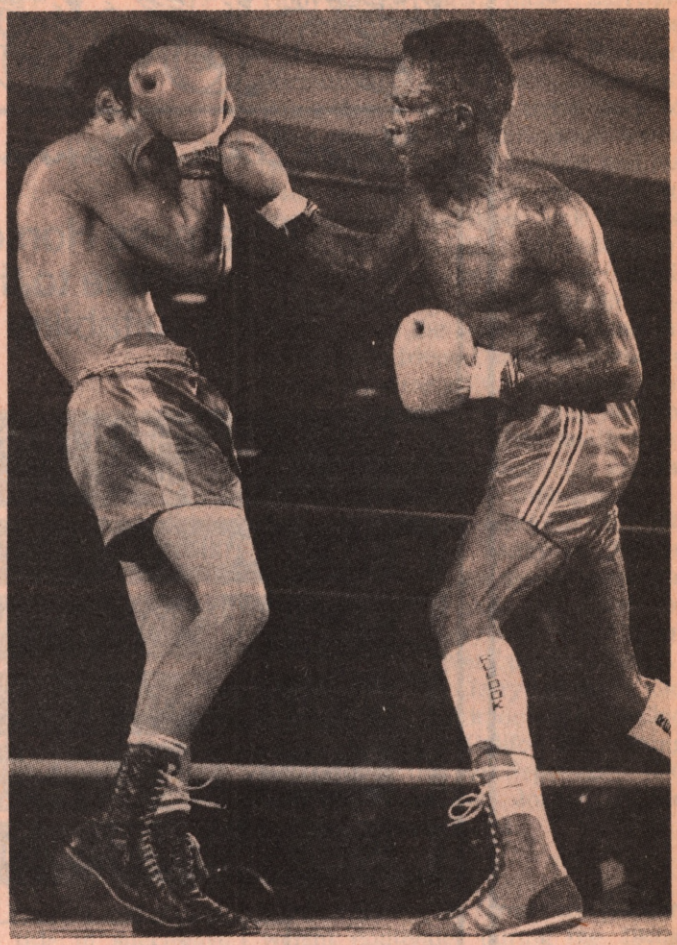

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Featherweight contender Calvin Grove (right) attacks Tony Cisneros on his way to a unanimous 10-round decision in Houston, Texas.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Kazuya Kano KO10 Hiroshi Shinmyo
Seiji Asakawa W10 Masakatsu Sakuma
Heun-Yong Park KO7 Chang-Bae Ahn
Chor Waikun KO2 Mohamed Hamsankan
Ryantoha W10 Kace Tomasoa
Mario Gomez TKO5 Jesus Salud
Jesus Poll W10 Antonio Gonzalez
Luis Mendoza W10 Daniel Blanco
Calvin Grove W10 Tony Cisneros
Julio Gervasio KO10 Ramon Cruz
Anthony Boyle KO4 Chris Diaz

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Takuya Muguruma KO7 Tom Ramos
Wilfredo Vasquez TKO10 Chang-Young Park
(Won WBA Title)
Shigenobu Nakamasa TKO5 Katsunori Nagamoto
Chang-Kyun Oh W10 Kap-Sup Song
Jimmy Navarro W10 David Gauvin
Lucilo Nolasco TKO7 Juan Jose Estrada
Raul Perez Tech. Draw 3 Edel Geronimo
Michael Parris W12 Lyndon Profitt

FLYWEIGHTS
Sot Chitalada KO4 Rae-Ki Ahn
(Retained World Championship)
Chang-Ho Choi KO11 Dodie Penalosa
(Won IBF Title)
Myung-Woo Yuh KO8 Rodolfo Blanco
(Retained WBA Jr. Flyweight Title)
Hideyuki Ohashi W10 Yasutaka Sakurai
Akio Kawamata TKO7 Hitoshi Taniguchi
Kenji Matsumura W12 Elysser Bautista
Cho-Un Park W12 Ademar Armad
Bi-Won Chung KO4 Chong-Sup Chun
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VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by Charlie Spina

Frankie Genaro flyweight star of the 1920s.

FRANKIE GENARO WAS BORN IN NEW York's east side on August 26, 1901. Growing up in Brooklyn Frankie boxed as an amateur and attracted the attention of experts when he beat seasoned Sammy Nable in a three-rounder in 1917. Genaro went on to win local, state and national amateur titles and qualified for the U.S. Olympic team in 1920. He won the flyweight gold medal in Antwerp and turned pro soon after returning home.

Genaro was an instant hit in the pro ranks and was soon engaging in 12- and 15-round bouts, beating men such as Johnny Rosner, "Jockey" Joe Dillion, Joe Colletti and Bobby Doyle. In his second year as a pro, Frankie defeated Sammy Cohen, Charlie Phil Rosenberg (twice) and Pancho Villa (twice), Eddie Lynch, Terry Martin and Indian Russell.

Though he defeated most of the top flyweights of the time, Genaro never earned clear recognition as the world champion. His first recognition came as American flyweight champ when he beat Villa in New York on March 1, 1923 in a 15-rounder. He held that belt until 1925 when he was outpointed by Fidel LaBarba in Los Angeles.

Two years later, Genaro gained the National Boxing Association flyweight crown by beating Frenchy Belanger in Toronto. In 1929, Frankie lost and regained the NBA title in successive matches with Emile "Spider" Pladner in Paris, France. The victory over Pladner made Genaro the NBA/IBU flyweight boss, a title he defended six times before losing it to Victor "Young" Perez via a two-round knockout in Paris, October 27, 1931.

Genaro fought on until 1934 when he was stopped by Little Pancho to end his fabulous ring career. Overall, Genaro was 98-22-8 with three "no decisions" in 131 pro bouts. He scored 20 KOs and was stopped just four times.

After hanging up his gloves, Genaro worked as a salesman, real estate dealer and for the Department of Marine Aviation. Frankie passed away December 27, 1966 in New York City's Polyclinic Hospital at the age of 65. He was elected to *The Ring's* Boxing Hall of Fame in 1973.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES:
The IVBA held its 20th annual convention at the Friar Tuck Resort in Catskill, New York this past September. Honored were Carmine Fatta, Sal Bartolo, Tippy Larkin, Frankie Kaiser, Earl Savage, Rich Strange and Mike Tyson (The IVBA's Fighter of the Year). Honored posthumously were Bucky Jones and Gene Goren. Despite three days of rainy weather, the convention was a huge success. Scoop Gallello and his slate of officers were reelected to another term. Old-timer Nick "Double Knockout" Bass (Ring 101 Baltimore) was elected as one of the vice-presidents, replacing the ailing Mickey Esposito ... At the convention, I caught up with old friend Carl Dell, a leading welter in the early 40s. Carl is president and founder of the Oneonta Boys Club. I also ran into Nat Harris, another old buddy who is chief inspector for the Maryland Athletic Commission ... Scoop and his committee did a fine job as did entertainer Lenny Del Genio. Guest speaker at the dinner was State Assemblyman Ronald C. Tocci of Westchester County, who spoke about the need for a boxers' pension fund ... Former boxers Jerry Quarry and Robert "Cisco" Andrade were installed in the Southern California's Boxing Hall of Fame this past September. Also honored were Don Jordan, Richie Lemos and Raul Rojas.

THE LAST ROUND:
Freddie Russo, 62, former top featherweight contender during the 1940s, died September '87 in Rahway, New Jersey. He had been ill for some time. Russo was quite a scrapper in his day ... "Wild" Bill Boyd, 73, former heavyweight contender during the 30s and 40s, died July 19, 1987 in Essex, Maryland. Boyd was managed by Jack Dempsey and won 39 of 47 bouts, 28 via knockout. A retired Baltimore County police lieutenant, Boyd was elected to the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame in 1983 ... Thomas Chiolero, 77, middleweight contender during the 1920s who fought under the name of "Kid Irish," passed away July 6, 1987 in Alton, Illinois ... Leonard Frank Brenner, 85, former pro bantamweight during the 20s, died July 8, 1987 in Lancaster, Pa. He claimed some 200 odd bouts, one of them a decision over ex-bantam champ Joe Lynch ... Also, condolences are in order to the family of promoter Butch Lewis, who lost his mother, Mrs. Pauline Wilcox. May they all rest in peace. □

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FOR LARRY HOLMES
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: I read that you're still making noise about fighting Mike Tyson. Are you serious, or just looking for publicity?
U.M.J., MEMPHIS, TN

A: I'm serious as a heart attack. I'm the only one who can beat Tyson, and everybody knows I beat Spinks both times. But remember this: I can do it, but I can't do it for free.

FOR FLOYD PATTERSON
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: How did you develop the "peek-a-boo" defense?
M.R., SALT LAKE CITY, U

A: My trainers, Frank Lavelle and Cus D'Amato, taught all their fighters to keep their hands up high. I was just very successful with it and it became one of my trademarks. When you keep your hands up, you can sometimes still block a punch even if you weave when you should have bobbed.

FOR BARRY MCGUIGAN
Former world featherweight champ

Q: Your fans miss you, Barry. When are you going to fight again?
J.L., MANCHESTER, ENGLAND

A: I'll make a decision by the end of the year, but I have already mapped out a new career. Next week I am launching a pop record. And I'll be driving professionally in saloon car racing. I was devastated by the death of my father. He was my inspiration and I don't know if I could do it all again without him.

FOR MICKEY DUFF
Manager

Q: How does Lloyd Honeyghan stack up against the other fine boxers you've managed throughout the years?
R.N., LAS CRUCES, NM

A: I've been involved with 17 world champions. The best was John Conteh, even though he never reached his full potential. But Lloyd is catching up with him fast. I've never known a more dedicated fighter. He's a dream.

FOR JOEY FARIELLO
Mark Breland's trainer

Q: Do you think Breland can ever reach his potential now Marlon Starling has beat him up?
N.D., COLUMBIA, SC

A: You can count on one hand the number of fighters who have been knocked out and come back as better fighters. The odds are against it. But if anyone can do it, I think Mark can. He has the determination and class that it takes.

FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former middleweight and welterweight champ

Q: Is is true that you want to become the most powerful manager in boxing and go to all the amateur tournaments to sign the best young talent in the country?
H.C., YONKERS, NY

A: I don't go to amateur boxing shows to recruit fighters. But if an amateur fighter wants to turn pro, I'd like him to know that I'm a possible alternative.

IN THIS CORNER

by Jack Welsh

PATRICIA JARMAN (Boxing Judge)

GROWING UP IN THE DEPRESSED ENVIrons of Newark, New Jersey had absolutely nothing to do with Patricia M. Jarman gravitating to professional boxing as a second career. Neither did having a high school classmate named James Anderson, who later became a body guard for such celebrities as Muhammad Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard, Diana Ross and the Jackson Five.

Even before graduating from Newark's South Side high school, Patricia envisioned a career in nursing. However, there was one brief juncture when a tease of the Sweet Scienec slipped up on this charming statuesque lady.

"My youngest brother, Jonathan, was interested in trying to box, so I went to the gym to watch him work out," Jarman recalled. "He was a junior welterweight, but in his first amateur bout he got knocked out in the first round. That finished his boxing career. Yet I found myself fascinated by the courage and determination these young boxers displayed in trying to improve themselves."

Today, Jarman is one of the tight fraternity of fast-rising female boxing judges. Operating out of Las Vegas, she ranks with Eva Shain of New Jersey and Carol Polis of Philadelphia as one of three female boxing judges who have acquired overseas world championship experience.

"My colleagues in Nevada include Cindi Bartin here in Vegas and Lillian Runningwolf in Reno. I think there might be 30 gals in amateur and pro bouts, but no more than 12 consistently active," said Jarman, who also works as a casino service representative at Bally's on the Strip.

Jarman graduated from Park College in Illinios with a nursing degree in 1971 and entered the U.S. Air Force as a commissioned lieutenant. She rose to the rank of captain and was discharged in 1980.

"I had enough of medicine during the (Viet Nam) war and I wanted something different," said Jarman. "I enrolled in Clark County Community College, taking night courses in journalism. Later, at UNLV, I took broadcast journalism, creative writing, public speaking and politics.

"I finally got a job as assistant news director at KENO radio. One day an editor from KTNV-TV in Vegas asked me to audition and I got a full-time job 45 days later."

It was a boxing interview in 1980 which really turned on Jarman to the sport.

"I went out to McCarran Airport when Muhammad Ali, Larry Holmes and Don King were arriving for their big fight at Caesars Palace," Jarman said. "I saw my old school chum, James Anderson, for the first time in ages and he helped me get an exclusive interview with all three of them together. I really got caught up in boxing's excitement and electricity. It all appealed to me and I've never looked back."

Jarman credits Marc Risman, prominent boxing attorney, and referee Davey Pearl with suggesting she apply for a judges license.

"Right after I applied, a moratorium went into effect that verbal and written exams and three recommendations would be required by a candidate. There was also a six-month probation period. But it was just coincidence, it had nothing to do with a lady applying," Jarman insisted.

Jarman, a divorced mother with one son, vividly remembered her pro debut.

"It was a four-rounder at the Showboat. Jeff Franklin fought a guy from L.A. I was scared to death because I was under a microscope."

It wasn't long before Jarman's assignments began to grow in importance. She handled a Mike McCallum non-title bout on the Michael Spinks-Holmes card at the Riviera in September of '85 and garnered her first title fight February 2, 1986, in Hollywood, California, when Paul Gonzales beat Alonzo Gonzalez for the NABF flyweight title. Her first world title bout came when Gaby Canizales stopped Richie Sandoval on March 10, 1986, for the WBA bantamweight crown.

In her most glamorous assignment to date, Jarman jetted to Ribiera, Sicily, this past July to officiate when Argentina's Juan Coggi took the WBA junior welter belt from Patricio Oliva.

"It was a seven-day trip and the people treated us wonderfully. I couldn't believe it, but when they introduced us before the fight, I got a standing ovation," remembered Jarman. "Oliva was clearly outclassed and the Italians took it hard, some crying, others throwing paper cups into the ring. But overall, it was a great experience."

Jarman has definite ideas on judging a boxing match.

"I always wonder if I'm seeing the same match as my colleagues. You dread being out of line in the scoring, but you must have the confidence to call it as you see it. And you must be able to justify your scoring.

"The toughest thing is the criticism, but that's part of the game because boxing is so subjective. In the beginning I got booed and I was devastated. But the bottom line is always (scoring) what I see. That means you have to have the courage of your convictions." □

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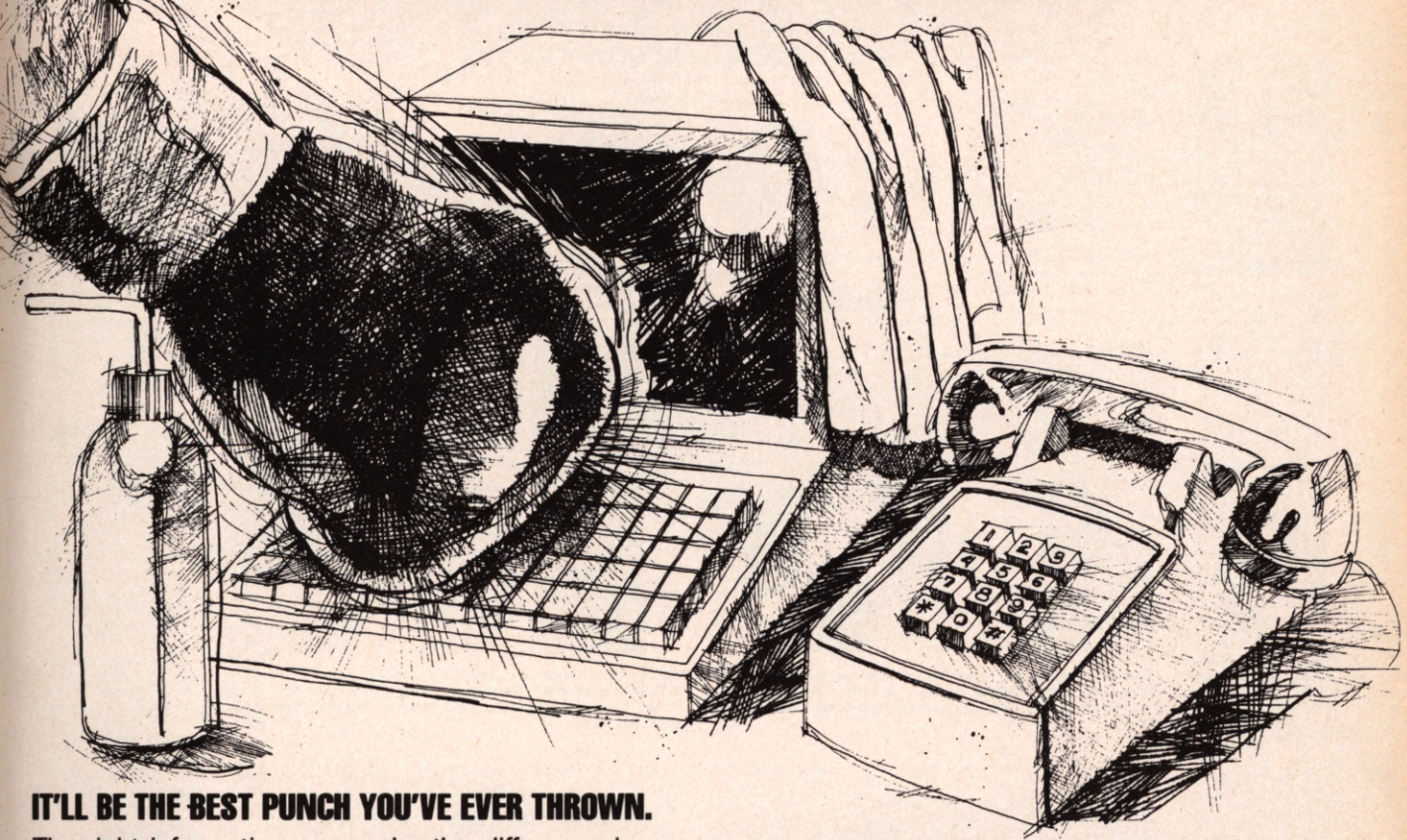

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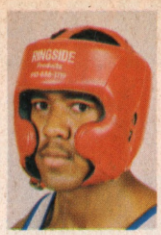

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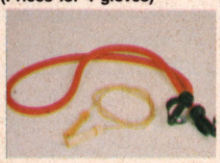

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